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Council set to reject top offer on offices

Taxpayers could lose £1.6million if North Quay site is sold at lower price

ARE Weymouth and Portland councillors about to reject a £6.1 million offer for their harbour side HO?

Officials are expected to suggest that they kick the offer into touch because the bid, from Dorset retirement home developers McCartney and Stone, has been made with conditions.

If the advice is listened to it could cost local council taxpayers £1.6million – the next highest bidder is of around £4.5million.

The company has developed a neighbouring har-

By Trevor Bevins

bour site, just along the road on the footprint of the town's former fire station.

The North Quay office has attracted six bids – with Acorn South's offer of around £4.5million being seen as the favourite.

The McCartney and Stone offer, along with three others, are being recommended for rejection. In the case of McCartney and Stone because the company, allegedly, failed to meet the rules of being unconditional, officers are suggesting it be ruled out. Their bid was made on the understanding they would gain planning permission for a retirement apartment block on the prestigious site.

The other bids were too low - ranging from £2.1 million to £3 million.

Yesterday's (December 1st) management committee meeting was being asked to proceed with the Acorn South offer and, if that fails, to explore options with the next highest unconditional bid, from Juno Developments.

Some of the council departments will move to the Mulberry Centre in Commercial Road next year when others will follow colleagues who have already transferred to the West Dorset District Council headquarters in Dorchester, or to Chickerell

Committee chair Ian

Bruce said he was very happy with the response to the bid offer.

During the meeting Portland resident Paul Snow called on the council not to put obstacles in the way of accepting the highest bid.

"The need to raise money is more pressing than ever in the current situation...ratepayers are under the cosh and if the maximum of money could be raised it would ease the problem."

Councillor Jeff Cant said that although the council was alert to keeping council tax bills low, any income from the sale of the office would have to be used for other capital projects and would not directly reduce council tax bills.

He said there were other considerations: "We have a prestigeous site here and we are very keen to get the right balance."









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☐ A CHRISTMAS card design, created by a member of a Weymouth art group, has been chosen for this year's East Boro Housing Association card. Leigh Goddard attends the Art and Craft group for people with learning disabilities, backed by the housing association, at Weymouth's Community Safety Centre.

East Boro chief executive Kevin Hodder was at the Centre to see the group's annual exhibition of work and to talk to Leigh and others (pictured). Mr Hodder said he was delighted by Leigh's card design which will be seen by hundreds of people and organisations.

KAMILA Davies is a 13-year-old Wey Valley School student with a passion for modelling and pageants.

She moved to Sutton Poyntz, Dorset, from California last year with her mum Melanie and has already secured Dorset pageant titles.

Kamila is currently preparing to represent Dorset at the Junior Miss Galaxy United Kingdom pageant in February next year with hopes of winning and competing for the world galaxy title.

TELL us a bit more about the competi-

I am so proud to have been selected to represent Dorset as Miss Junior Galaxy; I was selected from hundreds of applicants. I am really looking forward to the grand UK final, which is a three-day competition starting on February 5th in Chorley, Lancashire. There are about 50 other contestants hoping to win this national

I am working hard to complete the required 10 charity engagements prior to the competition, I am on number six and I need another four by January. If I win the title, I will represent not only Dorset but the entire United Kingdom to compete for the world galaxy title in Florida, USA, in August 2016.

WHICH charities have you helped?

I have volunteered my time collecting donations and supporting Taylors Animal Rehoming Centre at Kingston Maurward and have collected six bags of my clothes and shoes to donate to the Children's Chance charity in Pen-

I have also been helping out at the Weymouth PAWS charity but I am eager to help out at all local events and charities so please contact me at melanie.davies7@btinternet.com

WHAT other pageants have you taken

I am the current Miss Earth Teen Dorset where I competed in Birmingham in August in the grand finals and won the Face of the World international modelling competition. I also came

fifth out of 77 contestants in Miss California Teen USA last year.

HOW long have you been doing it for?

I have been modelling and acting since I was eight years old and already have numerous movies, commercials and modelling assignments. I am represented by London BMA Models.

WHAT will it mean to you to win this upcoming competi-

I hope to win Miss Junior Galaxy United Kingdom as this will help me build my international model

portfolio, which is my ultimate ambition. I very much hope to receive more Dorset support and I strive to win and bring this amazing international title home to Dorset.

WHAT do you like to do in your spare

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My hobbies include horse riding, walking my Doberman dog and hanging out with friends.

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Calls to improve road safety outside school

CALLS are being made to improve parking outside Portland's IPACA academy – before there is a serious accident. Councillor Jason Webb said he has

been in touch with the academy after concerns about the clash between school buses, pedestrians at pupils at either end of the school day.

The Portland Tophill West councillor says the problem is at the IPACA Osprey Quay campus on Lerrett Road.

"Whilst on the school run I noticed a concerning issue with traffic which involved an articulated HGV, a school bus and many other vehicles.

"The HGV was attempting to pass down through Lerrett Road whilst the school bus was parked in its allocated space and cars parked either side of the "This has become a concerning issue for both parents and staff alike with the amount of larger vehicles trying to pass during school start and finish times," said Councillor Webb.

"It has got to the point where parents and staff alike are concerned for the safety of pupils."

Councillor Webb said he has been in contact with the academy and a member of staff told him that they also share the concerns.

He has also contacted senior Weymouth and Portland Borough Councillor, Ian Bruce, who has backed the call for the situation to be investigated.

"Ian Bruce supports myself and the school with getting this matter sorted urgently before we have to deal with a fatality," he said.



■ TRAFFIC outside IPACA which Councillor Jason Webb claims could lead to an accident

Money donated to replace trees

HUNDREDS of pounds have been donated by local people to replace trees vandalised in Weymouth's Nothe Gardens.

A local tree surgeon, Knighton, have also donated replacement trees and volunteers to carry out some of the work in replacing damaged trees with new ones.

Chair of the Friends of the Nothe Gardens, Roger Genge, says he is surprised by the level of support, adding that it shows how much local people love the area.

The Police are appealing for anyone with information about the vandalism to call them on the non-emergency 101 number.

Church hosts quiz

ST Paul's Church on Abbotsbury Road, Weymouth, is holding a quiz night on Saturday, December 5th at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Teams of up to four people are invited at £2.50 per person.

The evening will include a raffle and those taking part can bring their own drinks.

If you have a story for Weymouth and Portland

Mariner awarded Merchant Navy Medal

A TALL ship captain from Weymouth has recently been awarded The Merchant Navy Medal.

Paul Compton, who is also Vice Commodore of the Royal Dorset Yacht Club, was awarded the medal for his services to youth sail training and to the Weymouth, Portland and District Merchant Navy Association branch, of which he is Chairman and a founding member. by his wife Suzy and daughters Lucy and Alice to receive his medal from Admiral the Right Honourable Lord West of Spithead at Trinity House.

The Merchant Navy Medal is given to honour meritorious service within the Merchant Navy and was first awarded in 2005. There are only up to 20 recipients of the medal annually

accompanied ughters Lucy s medal from ourable Lord nity House.

Medal is given accompanied Captain Compton said: "To me it represents a combination of a lifetime in sail training and what a privilege it has been to serve my country and young people."

When asked why he chose sail training and youth development over a career in the commercial merchant navy Captain Compton said: "It has provided substantial job satisfaction for me. The end product is the development of young people who go on to do great things. One ex-trainee is now the scientific advisor to the Prime Minister."

During his career Captain Compton

has sailed around the world. He has worked on board the sail training vessels Tenacious, Lord Nelson, Royalist and Astrid, and is currently a serving Captain on Pelican, Weymouth's own tall ship.

Captain Compton has always felt a strong loyalty towards the Merchant Navy.

He is currently behind a campaign to erect a memorial to personnel from the Merchant Navy and fishing fleets who have served our country. It is hoped that this will be erected on the Esplanade in Weymouth towards the end of next year.

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CAPTAIN Paul Compton with his Merchant Navy Medal

Private company could take over pool

WEYMOUTH'S swimming pool is likely to be leased out and run by a private company.

The changes will come into effect in 2017 when the current management agreement with SLM comes to an end.

The move, approved by the borough council's management committee on yesterday (Tuesday) will have to be backed by full council. Other options had included closing the pool.

There had been concerns about

the effect the deal might have on the swimming club's 400 members but committee chair Councillor Ian Bruce said anyone who took the facility over would be mad to upset existing users. The club currently brings in around £36,000 a year for the pool.

Councillor Jeff Cant said he was worried that the council could end up in the situation it had with hotels - that after a ten-year lease the council would be left with a run down building.



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Crime commissioner welcomes chancellor's 'no cuts' decision

'Policing needs investment and protection, not cuts'

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Martyn Underhill, has welcomed the Chancellor's announcement that policing will face no cuts.

It follows lobbying by Mr Underhill and other PCCs across the country, warning against cutting policing budgets following the Paris attacks.

Mr Underhill said: "I asked the Chancellor to do the right thing in relation to police funding and I thank the Government for taking into account the views of police and crime commissioners and chief constables across the country. The public voice was strong around public protection and all credit to the Government for listening. However, the devil is in the detail and we await the outcome of our local settlement in December. On the surface, this is what I have been fighting for and I am delighted. Policing needs investment and protection, not cuts.'

Meanwhile South Dorset MP, Richard Drax, welcomed the Chancellor's commitment to introduce fair school funding as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review.

Dorset is one of the country's lowest funded education depart-

Mr Drax said the new funding formula will set a national rate that every school will receive for each pupil, with additional funding for those with extra needs.

'The announcement signals an end to the current unfair system, which has lasted for decades and led to a situation where the ten best funded areas of England receive an average of £6,300 per pupil of schools block funding, compared to just £4,200 in the ten worst funded areas - with no objective basis for the difference," said Mr Drax.

In October, Mr Drax was one of 111 MPs who wrote to the Prime Minister to call for fairer funding to be introduced, and on November 5th he demanded action in a debate on the issue in Westminster Hall.

This week, on Tuesday, December 1st, he was due to join colleagues as petitions from more than 100 constituencies calling for fair funding were presented by MPs in the House of Commons chamber.

Speaking after the announcement, Richard Drax said: "I have long campaigned for fairer funding for Dorset, which is one of the 37 poorest funded authorities in the country.

"Dorset has been near the bottom of the funding ladder for years, with Wey Valley School in Dorset currently attracting a pupil premium of £4,908. You have only to compare this with £5,443 per pupil at Gloucestershire Academy and £8,256 per pupil in Tower Hamlets to see that it was high time the formula was completely rethought."

Unison South West also welcomed part of the Chancellor's announcement - saying that the tax credits u-turn would bring "huge relief" to over 215,000 working families.

UNISON South West Regional Secretary Joanne Kaye said: "More than 215,000 working families across the South West have breathed a collective sigh of relief. Since the cuts were announced in the summer. parents have faced increasing anxiety over losing the tax credits they rely upon so heav-

"The real credit for today's decision goes to the many brave parents who talked publicly about their already stretched finances, and the distress and hardship the cuts would cause. Their stories convinced the government this unfair tax credits grab was wrong.

"If the Government truly wants a high wage and low welfare economy it must now do more to encourage employers to pay staff more - at least the real living wage of £8.25 an hour. This would make a difference to the many low-income families still struggling to make ends

Get ready for winter as cold weather arrives

Following the first cold snap of the winter, residents are being reminded about driving in cold

During any bad weather, drivers should plan their journeys ahead; checking whether roads are open and allowing extra time for their journey. For added safety, drivers should make sure someone knows when you are leaving and when you

In icy conditions, Dorset Highways will send gritters out on its 22 main gritting routes - which cover 25 per cent of the county council's roads but drivers should remember to manoeuvre gently and avoid harsh braking or acceleration.

Councillor Peter Finney, Cabinet member for En-

vironment, said: "We've been on our first gritting run of the season, and I'm sure there'll be more to follow. Now is a good time to make essential checks to your vehicle before icy conditions set

"You can easily check for yourself that windows mirrors and lights are clear. It's also easy enough to check your tyres have good tread and windscreen wipers are in good working order. If in doubt, you can take your car to any reputable garage to have these things checked for you - as well as the condition of your battery."

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Lifeboat volunteers honoured

have been honoured with an awards night in recognition of their support for the charity.

The awards evening was held at Weymouth Sailing Club for volunteer members of Weymouth RNLI lifeboat station.

A large crowd of well wishers, current and past lifeboat crew members, family and friends, members of the Coastguard and RNLI, all gathered together to celebrate 20 years of volunteer service to Weymouth lifeboat by crew volunteers Jules Hutchings and Dan Stuttle.

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RNLI badge of service by Di Ludlow.

The opportunity was also taken to present Weymouth lifeboat Coxswain Andy Sargent with an RNLI certificate to congratulate him on his 20 years of service as a RNLI Coxswain. This was presented to him by the Mayor of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council Councillor Christine

Following the presentation she made a short speech in which she praised the work of all the lifeboat crew, their families and the other supporters of the RNLI in helping to keep the area safe for those that use



ANDY Sargent and the Mayor Councillor Christine James



JULES Hutchings and Di Ludlow

Weather awareness day

AN awareness day to help people protect themselves from extreme weather is coming to Wey

The "Get Ready for Winter Awareness Day" is being organised by Weymouth and Portland Borough Council and will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at Weymouth Pavilion from 3pm-8pm.

The event will feature information stands about how to prepare for winter and experts will be on hand to answer questions.

Organisations that will be represented include the Environment Agency, Dorset County Council, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's engineering and emergency planning teams, the Dorset Civil Contingencies Unit and the Flood Advisory Serv-

Councillor Ian Roebuck, Environment and Sustainability Briefholder at Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, said: "This free event is a great opportunity to come along and find out more about how you can prepare yourself for extreme

"There will also be an opportunity to find out more about the long term plans to protect Weymouth from flooding. I would like to invite people to come along and find out more about how they can get ready for winter."

Information about plans to defend Weymouth from flooding until 2115 will be available at the event and engineers will be on hand to answer questions. The plans set out how a tidal barrier, new harbour walls and improvements to the Esplanade's sea defences could better protect the town centre, harbour area and the seafront from

Speaking about the plans, Neil Watson, Environment Agency Wessex Coastal Engineer, said: "We are pleased to be working in partnership to prepare for the future and reduce the risk of flooding in Weymouth. The Weymouth Town Centre and Harbour Defence Policy has potential to bring long term flood protection and act as a catalyst to sustain the economy and wellbeing of the residents of this historic town."



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Santas on the run

MORE than 150 Santas lined up for the start of the annual run around Dorchester on a blustery Sunday morning.

After a warm-up in front of the Joseph Weld Hospice the runners, of all ages, raced around the Manor Park estate.

The numbers were slightly up on last year's total of 140 – despite the near gale-force

winds which had resulted in the cancellation of much of the outdoor side of the Christmas Market

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Last year's runners raised around £3,500 – this year's are expected to at least equal that amount although it will be some weeks before all the entry fees and sponsorship is collected in



SANTAS on the run for Joseph Weld Hospice



■ HOT dogs were on offer – but most runners waited until they finished before having one

Reduced parking rates

REDUCED rate parking comes into effect in borough-council run Weymouth town centre car parks from this weekend and up until Christmas. Drivers using the borough council's parking

areas will only need to pay for an hour's parking after 2pm to get the rest of the afternoon free. The offer continues until the end of December

and has been welcomed by the Weymouth Business Improvement District

This Friday, December 4th, there will be free

parking in council-owned town centre car parks after midday as the Big Christmas Opening Night gets underway from 3pm.

Said BID manager Nigel Reed: "We would like to thank the Weymouth and Portland Borough Council for working with us to enable these parking offers in Weymouth this Christmas; hopefully it will encourage more visitors to come into the town and enjoy the festive spirit."

Details about Weymouth Christmas events can found online www.weareweymouth.co.uk/Christmas

Sparkle event cancelled

SUNDAY'S Sparkle in the Park event due to take place at Lodmoor Country Park in Weymouth was cancelled because of the wet and windy

The committee of The Friends of Lodmoor Country Park said they had no choice but to cancel the event

Chairman Dinah Ellis said: "The high winds would not only make it very difficult to set up and run the event, but it would be irresponsible to encourage people to walk through the wooded areas of the park when debris - and even trees - could fall.

"We are really disappointed after all the hard work we've put into preparation, but safety comes first.

Barnardo's honour young volunteer with award

A REGIONAL award has been presented to a Weymouth volunteer in recognition of her "exemplary" work with a vulnerable young person.

Zarema Munro has received the Marsh Trust Volunteer of the Year Award from children's charity Barnardo's

It was presented at Weymouth Pavilion by Barnardo's regional director Hugh Sherriffe after Zarema was praised for her work with a teenager in

She volunteered to become an "independent visitor",



■ BARNARDO'S regional director Hugh Sherriffe presents Zarema Munro with the Marsh Trust . Volunteer of the Year Award

regularly spending time to offer advice, support and friendship which made a dramatic difference to the teenager's life.

Zarema was nominated by Barnardo's team manager Gail Pajak who arranged the placement.

Gail said: "Zarema demonstrated an extraordinary understanding and ability to connect with the young person, who required a high level of support. Although the young person's behaviour could be unpredictable and challenging, she thrived with Zarema who was an exemplary independent visitor.

"Zarema's support was invaluable and definitely contributed to supporting the placement during a very unsettled period.'

cafes. She had no transport of her own so relied on

Zarema helped to encourage the young person's independence by taking her to the cinema, shops and public transport to broaden the young person's experiences, even taking her on a coach trip to Paignton

Gail added: "It was very hard for the young person to express the difference which Zarema has made to her life, but we know that Zarema listened to her and made her feel happier.

"She has become more confident and independent and the personal attention made her feel special. She just enjoyed having someone to go out with and listen

Regional director Hugh Sherriffe said: "Zarema is a very worthy recipient of the regional Marsh Trust

"She clearly made a positive impact on the life of a vulnerable young person and helped them to fulfil

Electric bike company scoops Dorset business award

Dorset based cycling business Jurassic Electric has been selected as the winner of the Customer Focus category in the Wessex FM Local Business Awards for 2015.

Jurassic Electric runs electric bike tours in various locations across West Dorset and also sells electric bikes from its showroom in Weymouth. Martin Gershon who runs the business said; "We are incredibly proud to receive the award for this particular category as we do our very best to give every one of our guests great personalised service and the customer experience is at the core of everything we do."

Jurassic Electric was established in 2012 to enable everyone to enjoy the beautiful but hilly landscapes of West Dorset on two wheels. Since then hundreds of people, both those living locally as well as visitors from across the UK and the world, have had their first experience of being on an electric bike on one of their unique guided tours.

Martin said; "We have seen things go from strength to strength and the sales part of our business evolved because many tour guests wanted to go on and buy their own electric bike. Whether people want a bike for commuting, leisurely exploring or adventurous off-road, we have something to suit their needs".

The new showroom in Lynch Lane, Weymouth gives people the opportunity to view and try a number of electric bikes and models have been carefully chosen based on Martin's expertise of knowing what will provide reliability, quality and best value for money. With law changes coming into force on January 1st 2016, he is encouraging people who want an electric bike with a throttle to order one now so they don't

Jurassic Electric will be holding a Demo Day at their Lynch Lane showroom in Weymouth this Sunday (December 6th) from 10am to 3pm. For more details about this event, their guided tours or bike sales, call Martin on 07796 135256 or visit www.jurassic-electric.co.uk.





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SARAH Whiteside (centre), Kirsty Garbutt and Hannah Collins at the Christmas vintage market

Vintage twist on festive fair

SHOPPERS had a chance to sample retro festive fare when the Frank and Belle Christmas Vintage Market came to Weymouth's Old Town Hall.

Visitors were able to browse vintage clothing, hair and beauty, paintings, jewellery, woodwork and giftware.

Organiser Sarah Whiteside said: "This was the second such market and this year our chosen charity was the Christmas appeal for homeless in

Dorset for which we were also a collecting point for gifts.

"We also collected donations in aid of the restoration of the Old Town Hall which we feel – even in a single year – has come on in leaps and bounds. The building looks incredible.

"If all goes well we hope to hold a similar market in summer 2016 and to expand next year's Christmas market into a two-day event."

Help make Weymouth a dementia friendly town

WEYMOUTH and Portland Dementia Action Alliance is looking for volunteers to help them to create a dementia friendly community.

With the support of the Alzheimer's Society, the group formed in 2013 to look at ways they could help promote the benefits of being dementia friendly to local businesses.

SafeWise Centre manager Vikki Thomas, who is a member of the group, said: "It's amazing how businesses of all sizes can get involved.

"Making simple adjustments within a business is not only good customer service for everyone but can really help people who may be finding it difficult.

"I would encourage all busi-

nesses to join the Dementia Action Alliance as well as support their staff to sign up to become a Dementia Friend.

"Sessions are run locally or people can sign up on line. Sessions only last one hour and are completely free of charge."

The group is now in a position where they are seeking local volunteers who would be willing to approach businesses in Weymouth and Portland, such as shops, hotels, estate agents, banks and solicitors and actively encourage them to sign up to the Alliance.

A training session for new volunteers has been arranged on Monday, December 7th from 10.30am-12.30pm at the SafeWise Centre on Radipole Lane. This will provide the volunteer with all the information needed so that they can start making the community dementia friendly.

The Local Development Officer from Weymouth and Portland Borough Council said: "The town really needs to become more aware of the signs of dementia and how it can help people and their carers living with dementia."

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please phone SafeWise on 01305 753050 to book a place or ask to speak to Vikki Thomas is you have any queries

Something for everyone at Victorian Christmas

A REINDEER treasure hunt and a grotto for Father Christmas will be among the attractions for children at this weekend's Victorian Christmas Craft and Food Fayre at the Nothe Fort.

The Weymouth attraction will be open on Sunday, December 6th from 11am until 4.30pm.

Activities on offer include: Rudolf's Treasure Hunt, Santa's Grotto, Christmas Craft Workshops, face painting, local craft and seasonal stalls selling all kinds of interesting products.

Organisers are also encouraging visitors to dress up for the occasion in Victorian costume.

The Nothe's restaurant will be open for seasonal festive treats with the Fort shop also selling special Christmas gifts.

Normal entry charges apply (under 5's FREE).

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The town's lights will be officially switched on with stalls and entertainment throughout evening.

Staff at many local shops get into the spirit of the evening by donning fancy dress and the occasional free mince pie is likely to be found.

There will also be an indoor Christmas market from 2pm until 9pm in the Corn Exchange with the Anonymous Travelling Market in High West Street.

There will be free parking in the town's car parks from 4pm and the lights will be switched on at years. around 6.30pm.

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Councils aim to save £6million with 'ground-breaking' new partnership

partnership formed in Dorset is expected to save £1million a year - for the next six

West Dorset, North Dorset and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council say they will

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be stronger and more able to make savings and apply for grants, than by standing alone.

A joint statement

said: "Our ground breaking Dorset Councils' Partnership will bring huge rewards to our communities. Together we will have greater resilience, a stronger voice and crucially in today's climate the ability to reduce our costs through transforming services.

"We expect to save £6 million by 2020, which is on top of other cost reductions implemented planned. However, our partnership is not just about reducing costs, we are also on a journey to transform services and make them easier to access online."

The Dorset Councils' Partnership will see a single workforce serve all three councils. Each council remains independent and equal, with its

own councillors who will continue to make local decisions about services. Each council will continue to set its own budget, council tax and maintain its separate identity, brand and sovereignty. The partnership be-

lieves it will be able to streamline services, rationalise its assets, share office accommodation, free-up capital, make economies of scale and other efficiency improvements. The partnership will also have greater buying power and more resources to pursue commercial opportunities and new income streams.

Other benefits include having a much larger pool of staff that can be deployed in the event of a crisis, emergency or big event. A bigger workforce also means that the councils will have more experience and expertise to draw on. Joined up strategic

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service planning is also being improved and two councils in the partnership, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, already have a shared Local Plan.

Together the councils serve 235,000 people and cover 669 square miles, more than half the shire county of Dorset. The councils believe this means their partnership will have more national and local influence with Government and other organisations like the Local Enterprise Partnership.

Work being done in partnership with District Purbeck Council will continue. This includes providing a shared revenues and benefits service that serves Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland.



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■ FAMILY and friends of George Patterson supporting Meningitis Now in South Street on Saturday

May the force be with you

A STAR Wars Storm Trooper is hardly what most shoppers might have expected in Dorchester town centre at the weekend.

The figure attracted interest in a fund-raising collection for Meningitis Now - with a similar outing planned for the coming weekend outside Debenham's in Weymouth.

Three members of the collecting team - Storm Trooper Neil Wood, wife Kelly and Naomi Patterson will be adding to the funds by running the Weymouth half marathon next year. Neil and Kelly will then go on to run

the London Marathon next April for

the charity.

The couple are aunt and uncle to George Patterson, Naomi's son, who contracted meningitis when he was a baby and still requires regular hospital visits - one of the reasons why Naomi has been leading the campaign against proposed changes to children's services at the County Hospital.

She has organised another protest march and rally against the changes on Saturday, December 12th, meeting at the Top O'Town car park from 11am before marching through the

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The Red Lion

THE beautifully refurbished Red Lion set in the heart of Beaminster is a modern take on the classic English Pub. The Red Lion is a family run pub with father and daughter team, Nick and Sian, ensuring the pub has kept it's friendly, family atmosphere, welcoming all customers, old and new.

As soon as you set foot through the front door, The Red Lion now strikes you with the wow factor. The new modern, bright restaurant is on the right, with a spacious, yet cosy bar to the left. The old bar stools and open fire have ensured that the new look pub has still kept its quirky charm.

In their six weeks in charge, Nick and Sian have already built a reputation for great food. They use locally sourced, home cooked produce and the quality shines through. The chef produces daily specials depending on the season and the traditional Sunday Lunch is proving very popular. They have also introduced some theme nights in the week with a wine and cheese evening every Wednesday



and a Moules-Frites night every Tuesday, both from 6-9pm.

If you're still looking for somewhere to celebrate the festive season then look no further than the Red Lion. The Christmas Menu is now available with 2 courses for £19.95 or 3 courses for £24.95.

It's not all about the food though, regular live music is now on the agenda and the new look bar stocks a wide range of wines, spirits, beers and ciders with Palmers real ales on draught. Real coffee is another new addition to the pub, perfect mid morning or to round of a delicious meal.

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The Beaminster Emporium

THE Beaminster Emporium, overlooking the iconic Town Square, opened in May this year has already become a popular destination for locals and the many visitors to this beautiful corner of Dorset.

Graham and Pauline Hart run the shop and are delighted at the support and friendship they have been given. Graham commented, "I think Beaminster has an unusually comprehensive range of quality shops, services and activities for a town of its size and residents, realising this, do their bit to support them and keep the town thriving"

The Emporium offers a startlingly wide array of products including Home Décor, Fashion Clothing & Accessories, Traditional Toys, Books, Music & Movies, Greeting Cards, Gifts and Bathroom Luxuries. The emphasis is on value for money without compromising on quality and different lines are added weekly to keep their many regular customers wondering what will appear next!

With Christmas around the corner the Beaminster Emporium has a super selection of Seasonal Decorations, Greeting Cards,



Giftwrapping, and of course all sorts of great gift ideas for all the family. As this is their first Christmas at Beaminster Graham and Pauline are excited to be a part of the celebrations on the lead up to the Festive Season and look forward to welcoming their customers, old and new – why not pop in and see what you can find!



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Mementos Past & Present



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For the younger members of the family, there's a selection of handmade wooden toys by Mike Brannigans Toys in motion and various other gifts are available too.

With the house in mind, you could choose from mirrors, lamps, lanterns, candles, picture frames, cushions, doorstops, draught excluders; bed throws, quilt covers, bedside tables and cabinets.

During the run up to Christmas, Mementos will be open on Sunday 6th, 13th and 20th December 11.00am till 4.00pm.

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Heather Upham of Fancy That Cake Company told the View from: "The business is going from strength to strength and even expanding with the addition of our new apprentice, Georgina. We are also planning to sell a selection of cupcakes and cakes in the shop in addition to flapjacks and coffee."

Fancy That Cake Company can be found at various wedding fairs within the Dorset area. All details are available on the Facebook page.

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Nick Tett Family Butchers can be found on the Square, in the heart of Beaminster. Why not pop in now and see what's on offer!







IF you're still looking for Christmas ideas our studio, near Beaminster, is full of beautiful and bespoke home furnishings and accessories from throws and hand weaved baskets to our handmade lampshades and cushions.

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Open Monday, Wednesday – Saturday 10.30am to 4.30pm. if you would like any more information please visit our website www.sophierosesoftfurnishings.com or call us on 01308 868647.

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The Greyhound

HAVING been under new management since August this year, The Greyhound Inn has a long history of serving food and drink to the folk of Beaminster and that certainly hasn't changed with Alex now at the helm. The Greyhound is in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide for 2016 and has a Cask Marque Award for the quality of their real ales. As well as a fine selection or real ales, cider, beers, spirits, wines and soft drinks, They Greyhound offer a range of snacks as well as lunchtime and evening meals. So come in from the cold this winter and enjoy a pint of Palmers finest ale and a warming meal in front of the cosy open fire.

If you're in town for the Christmas Light Festival on Friday, 4th December, The Greyhound will be serving mulled wine as well as home cooked food to eat in or take away. The perfect accompaniment to watching the big switch on!

This year's Christmas menu is also now available and bookings are being taken for festive celebrations. Get in touch on 01308 862496. www.thegreyhoundbeaminster.co.uk





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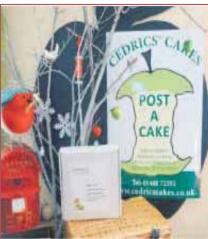
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Survey forms are available at Easton Library, Island Community Action, Easton Methodist Church, the Portland Centre at Fortuneswell, Tesco and the newsagents in Fortuneswell; the survey is also available online at – www.dorsetforyou.com/portland-transport-survey

Responses have to be in by December 11th.

Rotary host Santa's Grotto

A SANTA'S Grotto will be open in Hope Square, Weymouth, run by the town's Rotary Club from this Saturday, December 5th.

The Grotto will be open, at Pilgrim House, from 12noon to 3pm each Saturday until December 19th.

Hand-bell ringers' concert

THE hand bell ringers, Clapper Chaos, will be performing at St Andrew's Church, Southwell, Portland this Saturday at 7.30pm.

The concert, by the Poole-based group, costs £2.50 for adults, £1 for children.

Old fashioned Christmas

A PERIOD Christmas will be held at the 17th century Tudor House off Weymouth's Hope Square this weekend.

On both Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th the house will be open from 2pm-6pm and will be decorated as it would have been in the 17th century, with Tudor music and costumed guides to tell visitors the traditions and tales of the time,

A table will also be laid for a candlelight Tudor Christmas feast.

Holocaust survivors speak to Weymouth history students

TWO Holocaust survivors have spoken to history students at the Wey Valley School, Weymouth, as part of their studies.

Holocaust survivors Harry Grenville and Arieh Simonsohn spoke to Year 11 history students about life in Germany from 1918-45 for their GCSE studies.

Charlotte Guest, Wey Valley's head of history said: "Mr Grenville and Mr Simonsohn have been kind enough to visit us and share their experiences of the Holocaust. It is important for the students to hear a personal testimony - they get so much from it and are very respectful of these very articulate gentlemen."

Mr Grenville's parents and grandmother died in the Nazi extermination camp Auschwitz in 1944 after spending two years in Theresienstadt, an internment camp in the former Czechoslovakia.

He told the students: "The last Red Cross message that ever came from them was in October 1944. It said they were expecting to go east, and we knew what 'east' meant because all the Theresienstadt internees knew that east meant the extermination camps in Poland."

Mr Grenville added: "They were moved there in these dreadful cattle trucks, from the internment camp to the extermination camps,



where most of them were killed very soon after arriving."

Mr Simonsohn recollected to students his time spent in the Warsaw Ghetto in Poland as a child but he was able to escape.

The students said they felt privileged to share the testimony of someone who had a child's view of the Holocaust, and it helped them put that period of history into perspective.

Student, Esther Bibby said: "It was a very interesting discussion about the 1940s and you got a real insight in to what it was actually like."

Louis Hankin also said: "It was inspiring and overwhelming to

hear a testimony from someone who has actually experienced the Holocaust."

Simon Mitchen, part of the Humanities team added: "Nothing can give you a better experience of what it was like than hearing it from someone who was there."

Mr Grenville, who has lived much of his life in Dorchester, was fostered by a family in Camelford, Cornwall, and educated at a local grammar school.

His parents and grandmother are now remembered with plaques on pavement blocks outside their former home in Ludwigsburg, near Stuttgart, where they ran a wholesale packaging company.

Christmas cooking with Friendly Food Club

THE Friendly Food Club is presenting a cookery demonstration with free Christmas buffet at Chapelhay Community Playgarden in Weymouth on December 6th.

The event is being held to launch a new series of the popular free cookery workshops which are coming to Chapelhay in January 2016.

There will be competitions with great prizes, cookery demonstrations and some delicious soups, curries, quiches and cakes, all free to coincide with the monthly Playgarden get-together.

Things start on De-

cember 6th with a short playgarden annual meetings followed by the buffet and demonstrations.

strations.

Playgarden chairman
Clare Sutton said: "We
are delighted to welcome back the Friendly

Food Club.

"Tony Gibbons and his team laid on a wonderful spread in September and we're all looking forward to seeing what twist they will put on our usual Christmas fare"

The Friendly Food Club is a not for profit company delivering free healthy eating workshops in communities throughout Dorset.

■ WEYMOUTH'S Hope Church opens its annual Christmas Tree Festival in the coming week.

The event, open from the December 7th to the 20th, will be the 12th to be held at the Trinity Street church and will raise money for local charities.

Around 25 trees will be on show – each with tray to collect donations for the charitable organisation which has decorated the tree.

The church will be open from 10am until 4.30pm each day with either live or recorded seasonal music including performances by local choir choirs, two adult choirs, solo singers and instrumentalists, nativity plays and carols from the Weymouth Concert Brass Band.

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▲ Members of Beaminster WI (left to right) Sally Mallinson, Jeanette Lowe, Trish Harding, Mary Hall and Judy Cook sold homemade Christmas treats

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Dorchester is rapidly becoming a favourite destination for shopping or a day out, especially for finding Christmas gifts for those 'tricky to buy for' people we all know! If you are flexible on your shopping time then we would recommend that you come in later

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NEWS in brief...

■ THREE friends will be raising money for Cancer Research UK with a sponsored walk from Portland Bill to Dorchester this weekend.

James Smart, Jay Laker and John Crowther will be dressed as Santa, an Elf and a Reindeer, for their challenge.

James, who came up with the idea said: "I just thought what would be a bit of a challenge and came up with the idea of walking from Portland to Dorchester.

"We thought its coming up to Christmas so let's do it in fancy dress."

The group will be collecting money on the way and will end their marathon in the Brewhouse and Kitchen.

Donation can be made via www.justgiving.com/James-Smart4 or by texting CMAS £5 to 70070.

■ WEYMOUTH'S Christmas ice rink will be open from this Friday, December 4th, in the square outside Debenhams.

A Santa's Grotto will also be in operation alongside the attraction inside the Cineworld foyer.

Tickets can be purchased now from www.weareweymouth.co.uk/christmas. Ice rink group rates and tickets are available directly from the BID office by calling 01305 779410.

■ A CHRISTMAS Market is being held at St Andrew's Church Rooms in Church Road, Preston this Saturday, December 5th.

It will financially support a Leukaemia charity and the St Andrew's Church Fund.

The event will run from 10am-12.30pm and will feature a range of stalls with refreshments

Visitors will not be asked to pay an entry fee although donations to the charities would be appreciated.

Veterans treated to mince pies and cake

LOCAL veterans are invited by Weymouth & Portland Borough Council to a special annual Christmas treat of tasty mince pies and Christmas cake as part of the borough's December Veterans' Renderyous

The event will be held on Wednesday,

December 9th from 10am to 12noon in the Weymouth RAFA Club in Maiden Street.

The traditional festive bakes of Christmas cake and mince pies have kindly been donated by local bakers Dorset Cake Co.

They will be delivered to the veterans'

rendezvous and presented along with festive greetings from the Mayor of Weymouth & Portland Councillor Christine James at 11am.

Councillor James said: "I thoroughly enjoy spending time with our veterans and I'm delighted to have the opportunity to represent the borough at this festive time of the year.

"I'd like to thank all of our veterans for their wonderful support at Weymouth's Armed Forces Day celebrations and a number of borough memorial events throughout the year. "I would also like to

express my gratitude to Dorset Cake Co. for supplying the Christmas delights for the veterans once again this year, recognising over 20 years of support."

Shaun Walden Company Secretary for Dorset Cake Co. said: "We are proud to be supplying our veter-

ans with Christmas treats fresh from our local bakery. Dorset Cake Co. are proud to support the veterans' in any way we can."

The 2016 Weymouth and Portland Armed Forces Day celebrations will take place between Saturday, June 18th and Friday, June 24th.

Church fund given a boost thanks to festive fundraiser

■ A SCORE of festive stalls were on offer when Weymouth's Holy Trinity Church held its annual Christmas fayre.

Shoppers snapped up everything from books to cakes and from wooden reindeer to calendars.

Organisers Alyson Brinsley and Joe Birds thanked everyone who attended or supported the event. Alyson added: "All proceeds from the event will be going towards the general upkeep of the church.

"We would particularly like to thank Holy Trinity Church Choir for performing at the fayre."

Pictured are Janet Hall (left), Millie Neubauer (centre) and Andy Entwistle meet some reindeer at the fayre.



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Ingredients

For the Cupcake

200g Unrefined golden caster sugar 200g Butter (unsalted) softened • 3 eggs 200g Self-raising flour • 1tsp Vanilla extract

For the Father Christmas Topper

250g each of Sugar paste icing in red, chocolate, white & black • 60ml Water • Apricot Jam

Preparation method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan, gas mark
- 4) and line a 12 hole cupcake tin with cases.
- 2. Cream together the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy, then add the eggs one by one mixing in well in betweenm then add the vanilla extract. Fold in the flour then spoon into the cases.
- 3. Place in the oven for 20-25 minutes or until

golden and a skewer come out clean.

- 4. To make the father christmas cake topper, use the red sugar paste icing and roll out a ball about 5cm in diameter then flatten the base. Next roll out a sausage about 10cm long znd 1.5cm diameter for his arms and finally make a cone shape for his hat and squash the pointed end over to one side.
- 5. Take some of the white icing and a little of the red and roll them together until the red blends in to give you a pink colour for his head.
- 6. Next take some black icing and roll 2 small balls for eyes, 2 larger balls for his gloved hands and then roll out a little for a
- **7.** To assemble, use a little water to glue the black belt onto the red body. Next finish the arms by attaching the black hands to the ends of the red 'sausage' shape. Then roll out some of the white icing until is around the end of the arms for his cuffs, using some water to glue. Then cut the arms leaving a diagonal edge. Attach these using a little water, squashing the arms around the
- 8. Next make a small ball using the white icing for a pom pom and attach to the top of the hat.
- 9. To finish, cut a disc of white icing and cut out a small edged piece for his beard, and 2 smaller pieces for his moustache. Make a small ball using red icing for nose. The attach 2 small balls of white icing and small black icing balls for his eyes.
- 10. To decorate your cupcake, roll out some chocolate icing and cut into disc, place this on the cake using some warm apricot jam to stick. Then place the jolly father Christmas on top.

Egg Nog

Preparation time Less than 30 mins Cooking time

Less than 10 mins

Serves 4-6

Ingredients

1140ml/2 pints whole milk • 6 free-range eggs 50g/2oz caster sugar • 1 vanilla pod, split 20 fresh cherries, stones removed and halved 200ml/7fl oz brandy • cocoa powder, for dusting

Preparation method

- 1. Place the milk, eggs, sugar and vanilla pod in a medium pan and heat gently, without boiling, until the mixture thickens enough to coat
- 2. The egg nog can be chilled at this stage or served hot.
- 3. To serve, scatter the cherries in the bottom of each serving glass. Divide the brandy between the glasses and pour the egg nog over. Dust with cocoa powder and serve.

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The Christmas menu is always very popular with dates booking up fast. However, there is still space to celebrate on the evenings of Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th December. You can enjoy a sumptuous three course meal including coffee for just £17.50 or two courses for £13.95.

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Carols on the green

THE annual "Carols on the Green" service is taking place this Friday, December 4th on Fordington Green, outside St George's Church.

The event, which will be in the church in the event of bad weather, also marks the start of the annual Christmas Tree Festival which continues over the weekend.

The Reverend Fiona Hall, the Vicar of St George's is inviting everyone to come to the carols, which start at 6pm.

The church will be floodlit for the event and, in addition to the carols, there will be a story for the children and the usual mystery parcel will arrive containing goodies for both the young and young at heart. Hot soup will be available courtesy of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Allen Knott, the Lay Minister will be the MC for this event with

Steve Kinnersly playing the keyboard

Immediately following at 7pm, the church opens for the start of the Christmas Tree Festival. This year's theme is "music" and the church will be filled with trees, decorated by parishioners and some local organisations.

The festival has been organised by Church Warden Yvonne Lee and Mrs Margaret Carter.

The festival continues till Monday, December 7th.

Entry is free and refreshments are available.

The Reverend Hall said: "Christmas is about Jesus Christ coming into the world as a helpless baby. This simple message can often become lost in all the busyness of the run-up to Christmas day.

"I invite everyone to come and start their preparations in this traditional Christian way."



MAYOR and Mayoress Robin and Val Potter with club president Allen Knott



Amber Stroud and Emily Hurn donned reindeer antlers for their soft toy stall

Singers concert for Save the Children

THE Occasional Singers Concert will be in concert in Dorchester this Sunday, December 6th, to raise money for Save the Children

Their programme of seasonal music, directed by David Bruce-Payne and Richard Hall, will include favourites carols such as 'Adam lay ybounden' and 'The Angel Gabriel' combined with less familiar works by Palestrina

and Rheinberger.

The choir will welcome the fine young organist Alex Davies to share the programme with solo works and seasonal hymns for choir and audience to join.

The concert will take place in St Mary's Church, Dorchester at 3pm on Sunday, December 6th December; admission is free but there will be a retiring collection in aid of 'Save the Children'.

Disabled club bus fund gets £830 boost

DORCHESTER Disabled Club had a busy day at their Christmas Fayre in the Corn Exchange on Saturday.

The event was opened by Mayor and Mayoress Robin and Val Potter, assisted by Club President Allen Knott.

Around 20 stalls with a variety of crafts and other items helped boost funds throughout the day with refreshments also available for visitors.

The club is raising funds for a replacement specially adapted minibus which it uses to pick up members for club sessions – also sharing the vehicle with other organisations.

Organisers say the event made £830. "There was a steady stream all morn-

"There was a steady stream all morning and it was a great success," said committee member Irene Calcutt.

The cost of the new vehicle, which is

also shared with other town organisations, is expected to be in the region of £55,000, of which about half has already been raised.

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A personal View by HARRY WALTON

The problem could be bigger than I thought

MY recent piece on the rise of Dorchester as a hub of local government at the expense of Weymouth and Portland has drawn an avalanche of agreement and several fresh snippets of news.

Several people have said the situation could actually be even worse than I thought, pointing out the shiny new email address for staff at Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, West Dorset District Council and North Dorset District

It seems that the Dorchester juggernaut is threatening to steamroller everyone because these new email addresses now consist of the first initial, then a surname.....and then dorset.gov.uk!

This implies that, rather than merging Weymouth and Portland, West and North Dorset staff, the octopus has designs on Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch, East Dorset and Purbeck as well, perhaps with Purbeck joint working with the Channel Islands!

As one senior former council employee told me: "We have to make a joke of it. Otherwise it would be too unsettling to

"I wonder if Weymouth will need a Town Council as the 'seat of power' gets ever more remote. It's a pity we may not have a building to meet in!"

I'm sorry to keep moaning, but...

SORRY to moan on about Weymouth's awful new traffic light system, but what happened this Sunday really did defy be-

At 9.30am I pulled up at the Abbotsbury Road junction with the Swannery Bridge There was one other car at the Southill junction and one on the bridge junction but the Westwey Road junction was empty.

Incredibly this pig's ear of a system then kept all of us waiting for some time while it gave priority to Westwey Road traffic despite the fact there wasn't a car in sight!

The system was clearly having yet an-

other bad day at the office because when the lights finally changed and allowed me to go over Swannery Bridge I was stopped by the lights at King Street even though there was no traffic at all on either Radipole Park Drive, King Street or Commercial Road.

What's more, by the time the lights eventually changed to let me go I had still not seen a single vehicle at any of the other junctions!

An independent assessment has already forced Dorset County Council etc to admit that the Boot Hill junction is confusing and not fit for purpose.

There will now be changes there but surely something has got to be done about the lights on ALL the junctions to prevent this huge waste of drivers' time.

The old roundabouts did cause delays during the summer, but the new traffic light system which replaced them causes delays all day every day throughout the year.

Unfortunately, making such a change would require DCC to again admit it has got it wrong and that long suffering drivers have been right to complain. Yeah, like that's going to happen.

THIS week's Growing Old Disgracefully slot looks at sermons and whether pensioners should be forced to keep their hearing aids switched on in church.

Now the word of God is a many splendoured thing as sub-contracted to vicars everywhere who make a variety of very good points in sermons all over the country every Sunday.

However, some sermons go on longer than others and some are more interesting than others.

That situation is annoying some parishioners forced to listen to various turgid diatribes who feel they are being "taunted" by those pensioners who simply switch their hearing aid off and grab a quick forty winks.

The feeling is that, if the congregation has to listen and try and stay awake, then so should pensioners. Elderly snoring is just rubbing salt in the sermon wounds.

So the message is: "Nice try, but all snoring pensioners will be ducked in the font." You've been

Postage charges do little to bring Christmas cheer

AND so we come to the frustrating annual battle to get the Christmas cards in the post on time.

Apart from the fact that stamps are now frighteningly expensive - more than £14 for a dozen first and a dozen second class - there is also the question of size and weiaht.

Most cards are OK but some

are quite big and, when you add a short letter to distant Aunt Mabel who you never see from one year's end to the next, it can tip the balance into even higher charges.

Most cards can simply be consigned to the post box but there will be some rogue cards which need to be taken to a post office so they can be checked and weighed so the

recipient does not immediately use some very unseasonal language at having to pay excess charges when the card arrives.

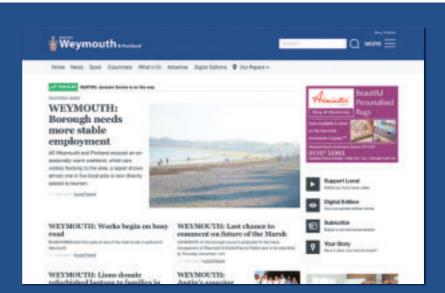
I've been on the receiving end of a few of these large card or small package charges and having to pay for the privilege of getting Christmas cheer didn't bring a smile and a cheerful "Ho!

Ho! Ho!" to my face. Which reminds me. Festivi-

ties are also the time of year when we get an increase in junk mail and I can do no better than recommend comedian Jasper Carrott's advice on how to deal with unwanted mail - send it back taped to a brick marked "Return to Sender".....and don't put any stamps on!

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The colourful block printed tablecloths and napkins make great presents.

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The soft leather purses, handbags and clutch bags designed in Paris and made in Morocco.

Turkish towels make great gifts for everyone, especially good to take swimming, on holiday or on a yacht. There is a large selection of cotton nightwear, night-

There is a large selection of cotton nightwear, nightdresses and dressing gowns as well as block printed pyjamas which have been made for the shop in India and are expected very soon.



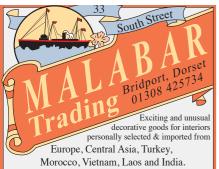
As ever there are soft wool and cashmere scarves, and beautiful silver jewellery, soap from Portugal and scented candles and reed room diffusers.

Many of the Christmas deco-

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Local Business Opportunities at Weymouth's Big Christmas Event

WITH December just around the corner, businesses can still take advantage of stall opportunities on offer every weekend in December at Weymouth's BIG Christmas event.

Weymouth's BIG Christmas is the month long event happening in Weymouth this December and there are still spaces available to get your business in the heart of the action with a stand at the Christmas Market which will be open every weekend leading up to Christmas and Christmas Week.

Weymouth's BIG Christmas starts with a huge celebration on Friday 4th December with the BIG Christmas Opening Night where there is a jam packed programme of enter-

> ing of the opening of the REAL ICE Rink, Christmas Light Switch On, Santa's Parade, entertainment on the Main Stage and so much more!

tainment and activities to enjoy compris-

The three weekends

leading up to Christmas are filled with a host of activities and fun including the Pop-Up Panto Weekend with support from Weymouth Pavilion, BIG Christmas Show Weekend with an interactive nativity and back after a fantastic summer event in June, an Out Loud Christmas Weekend with support from the Weymouth and Portland Lions Club. The REAL ICE Rink is a first for Weymouth and will be open from the 4th-27th December with Santa's Grotto open every weekend and throughout Christmas week.

Businesses can book a pitch for just one or more of the dates when stall opportunities are available. Pitches start at just £50 + VAT each and will launch on BIG Christmas Opening Night on 4th December, the markets will continue on the three themed weekends before Christmas and Christmas week – a great opportunity for your business to be seen by visitors and locals.

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Claire and Steve, the new owners of the Cove Gallery, took over the harbour side business in Weymouth at the beginning of the summer and they are already celebrating their first Christmas following a very successful Christmas Preview Weekend in November. The gallery has a well established reputation for showing the work of many local artists and prides itself on sourcing

Cove Galler

as much work as possible from Dorset. As well as stocking many fine original paintings, the gallery also offers a wide range of prints, ceramics, glass work, gifts and cards which Claire and Steve personally select and source. "We want to offer a great choice to our customers and we make sure that everyone receives a very warm welcome when they come to visit us" said Claire. "We want

locals to see us as a friendly place to come and buy a small gift or treat as well as a special present for that someone special" she added. The gallery is open right up until Christmas Eve and will be opening late on Thursday the 4th and Saturday the 5th of December to coincide with the Big Christmas light switch on in Weymouth and the festive celebrations in Hope Square. Details of the gallery's opening times in December can be found on their website at www.covegallery.co.uk.



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Rotary 'this close' to eradicating polio

T is perhaps not widely known that Rotary has played a leading role in helping to reduce polio worldwide by 99 per cent since its first project to vaccinate six million children in the Philippines in 1979.

Then, in 1985, Rotary launched an initiative called PolioPlus to free the entire world from polio, by the mass vaccination of children.

Many will remember family and friends stricken with this debilitating disease and the considerable life changes endured by its victims. At its height, polio had paralysed or killed up to half a million people a year before a vaccine was discovered in 1955. In 1961 an oral vaccine was invented and the UK launched the national immunisation programme in schools.

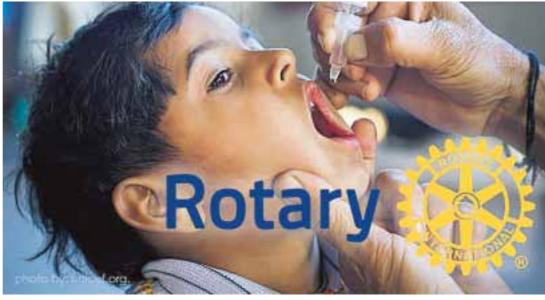
So where are we now? There have been no domestically acquired cases in the UK since 1982 and worldwide, there have been only 41 new polio cases so far this year. That's about one per week, down from 7,000 new cases per week in 1988 when Rotary was joined by the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and the UK and US governments to formulate, fund and resource the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the largest public health initiative the world has ever known. Whilst polio had disappeared in the UK, US, Australia and much of Europe, by this time it remained prevalent in more than 125 countries.

Polio is a highly infectious viral disease which mainly affects young children causing spinal and respiratory paralysis; it can kill and remains incurable to this day. Polio is spread through contaminated water or food or by way of an infected person's saliva. Whilst incurable, polio is completely vaccine-preventable. However, only once before had a major virus based illness been eliminated worldwide, that was smallpox in 1980.

The task, to reach an unparalleled number of the world's poorest and disadvantaged children, was considerable with many barriers, including cultural and religious resistance. geographic isolation, poor public infrastructure and all of the problems associated with identifying and tracking children in hostile war torn areas in Africa and Asia

Funding has been, and still is, the greatest challenge, and is provided by many contributors, chief amongst which are Rotary International, including local clubs across West Dorset, and the UK and US governments.

In 2008 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation challenged Rotary to raise \$200 million in two years and promised to match it. Rotary succeeded, the Foundation matched the \$228million raised, and in 2013 agreed to match two for one every dollar raised by Rotarians up to \$35 million per year until 2018, a commitment of over \$500



million. Rotary is meeting this challenge!

Rotary is a voluntary, international service organisation comprising some 1.2 million members worldwide. Rotary has contributed more than £1billion (the largest private sector donor) and countless volunteer hours to immunise more than 2.5 billion children in 125 countries.

Rotarians from clubs around the world, including many from the UK, working alongside locals and UNICEF volunteers, continue to travel abroad to be involved in immunisation work and donate money to the PolioPlus program. Rotary has consistently fuelled the effort with resources, advocacy and genuine hard work on the ground, maintaining the dream of a polio-free world and bringing polio to the brink of eradication.

Their work has brought many additional benefits. The polio immunisation campaign has become a critical vehicle for delivering other health services to children. Vitamin A capsules are often given along with polio drops. In post-Taliban Afghanistan, polio vaccinators also supported the country's first birth registration campaign.

Health systems and facilities strengthened by polio eradication campaigns have been used to hold measles immunisation campaigns. Community education work funded by polio donors has boosted basic health and hygiene awareness in the world's poorest communities.

For as little as 40 pence, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. But polio isn't yet beaten. Cases exist today in Afghanistan

and Pakistan and a recent outbreak in Ukraine has emphasised the need for continued vigilance, action and of course cash - through to 2018 some £3billion is needed for continued inoculation to guarantee elimination in Africa and Asia (scientists will certify eradication only after 3 clear years)

Recent cases have also highlighted the need for different injection based methods using dead poliovirus (rather than oral ones which use a weakened poliovirus).

West Dorset Rotarian John Bartlett, from the Lyme Regis club, said: "We can't stop now, the last percent is always the toughest and if we don't finish the job polio could return with a vengeance According to WHO more than 10 million children under the age of five could be paralysed by the disease in the next 40 years if we lower our guard

"Will it all have been worth it? The full cost of eradication will likely reach around £10billion by 2018, the year that scientists believe that polici will finally be beaten.

"Millions of lives have been saved, millions more will not suffer the debilitating effects of this terrible disease, millions more will benefit from the related health programmes - the answer is emphatically - YES!

"But it's no time for celebration yet! Rotary and its partners will continue to strive for a polio free world... we are now 'this close'!"

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upcoming gigs TAKEA (JAY)WALK ON THE WILDSIDE

will be coming to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis this Saturday, December 4th. These former BBC Young Folk Award finalists are touring their third studio album - Weave - which sees them further expanding their musical horizons at all levels. Together they effortlessly fuse elements of Bluegrass and Folk and the music Jaywalkers create is innovative, rooted deeply in tradition, and exhilarating. The night promises to be an entertaining and foot stomping evening and is not to be missed!

Most of their songs are written/inspired by stories and poetry from Mike's home county of Lancashire. The history of the area only really starts around the time of the Industrial Revolution when the cotton industry arrived. So, the main theme running through the album is a study of the hardships of life in the Lancashire working classes. There are moments of playful respite – the two instrumentals are meant to be fast, playful up-tempo tunes - but the songs tell tales of protest, poverty, fight for freedom and, as is inevitable with folk songs, death. Unlike their previous two albums

which were done on little to no budaets, the third album finds the band working with an established producer

having full online and digital distribution, a PR campaign and the like. The larger budget for this has partly come courtesy of Help Musicians UK, who offered the band an 'Emerging Excellence Award' for young artists working in any genre of music. They applied for it in early 2014 and found out in March that they were successful. This meant the band were able to work with the fantastic Andy Bell (and his dog Hudson), who would engineer and produce the album. Considered by many to be the top

folk producer working on the British Folk Scene, Andy won a Folk Award for best album with the Full English project

Award also enabled them to afford an illustrator to design the album and record most of it at Wavelength Studios in Doncaster (used by the likes of Martin Simpson and Jon Boden).

The music Jaywalkers create live. and on 'Weave' is innovative, rooted deeply in tradition, and exhilarating. With this new album and over 40 UK tour dates in February to April, a variety of summer festival gigs, and a winter tour in the planning, 2015 may well be the band's breakthrough year.

The Jaywalkers' show at the Marine Theatre this Saturday starts at 8pm (doors 7.15pm)



Exciting Irish group to play live

'KILA' SHOW THIS SATURDAY AT BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE

ing Bridport Arts Centre this Saturday, December 5th.

Playing together for nearly 20 years, Kíla are one of Ireland's most innovative and exciting bands. With roots in traditional Irish music, this 7 piece band have created their own distinctive style of contemporary Irish music and have become known in Ireland as the musicians band. They have performed on stage with U2, having recorded the song A Tribute to Ronny Drew with them, Sinead O Connor, Shane McGowan, Liam Ó Maonlaí, Paddy Casey, The Dubliners, members of the Chieftans and The Horslips.

Being at the forefront of rock traditional and world music in Ireland, Kíla are renowned for their exhilarating live performances, gaining them a reputation for musicians with a flair for multi instrumentalists and composers of music. The line up for the past 13 years consists of; Rónán Ó Snodaigh on bodhrán, djembe, congas, bongos, guitar and vocals; Rossa Ó Snodaigh on tin whistle, low whistle, clarinet, bouzouki, mandolin, bones and vocals; Colm Ó Snodaigh on flute, tin whistle, guitar, saxophone, percussion and vocals; Lance Hogan on guitar, drums, and vocals; Brian Hogan on bass, double bass and vocals; Dee Armstrong on fiddle, viola, hammered dulcimer, accordion and bodhrán. Eoin Dillon on uileann pipes, tin whistle, low whistle, shakers and vocals.

They have also contributed to the soundtrack for critically acclaimed film Song Of The Sea which is being shown at BAC on December 13th.

It promises to be a great night of quality music that will have you tapping your feet!

Tickets for the show this Saturday are £12 or £10 concessions. The show starts at 7.30pm. For more details or to book visit www.bridportarts.com or call 01308 424204



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WITH Christmas lights adorning most streets and decorations having appeared in many shops for a few weeks now, it must be time to talk about the festive season...

From family visits, to shopping sprees, staff parties and seemingly endless gift wrapping it's always a busy time of year - so why not take the time to sit back and enjoy quality entertainment to keep the whole family amused throughout the December and into the new year...

Dorchester Arts based at the Corn Exchange welcomes a feast of festive music, enchanting theatre and of course magnificent classical ballet for all ages to enjoy.

From the company that brought their charming Medieval Christmas to Dorchester last year, acclaimed historical musicians Blast from the Past return to present a festive romp through 600 years of Christmas music, songs and stories on Saturday, December 5th. Beginning in the Middle Ages and ending in the 20th century, A Brief History of Christmas is a whistle-stop tour of the origins of our midwinter festivities. Featuring long-forgotten songs and tales as well as some familiar and well-loved carols, this is the perfect show for anyone looking to recapture the simple Yuletide delights of fellowship, laughter and good cheer.

A treat for the children at Christmas, Forest Forge (in association with Bumblefly) bring us an enchanting new take on the family favourite, Hansel and Gretel on Friday, December 18th. Lost in the deep dark forest, the children come across many well known fairytale figures who try to help, or hinder them, as they draw ever closer to a strange house that looks good enough to eat! Throughout this adventure, audiences are encouraged to join in with the show; providing sound effects and practical help as Hansel and Gretel and their many friends make their way through the enchanted forest. Expect vibrant traditional storytelling packed with laughs and songs for the whole family to enjoy.

As the perfect new year treat, Ballet Theatre UK return with a beautiful adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's classic The Snow Queen on Wednesday 6th and Thursday, January 7th 2016.

This spectacular production follows the story of Gerda whose fantastic adventure takes her on a journey across the frozen north where she encounters a band of gypsy's, enchanted reindeer and a mysterious and reclusive Lapland woman who may help her break the Snow Queen's curse of eternal winter...

Ballet Theatre UK's renowned company of international dancers, beautiful costumes and glittering stage sets combine to create a magnificent spectacle, all set to a glorious and magical

To book tickets for all shows and for more information visit the website at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or call 01305 266926.

SINGER Annika Skoogh will sing as part of the Jazz Café programme On Friday, December 11th at 8pm at the Bridport Arts Centre with her scintillating vocal style, accompanied by Philip Clouts at the piano.

Born in South America and raised in Sweden, Annika grew up singing in various church and school choirs from a young age, however, it was not until she moved to England that she



started to perform with local jazz, soul and funk bands and has recently formed her own bands.

Annika is a self taught professional singer and although she has no formal musical training, she demonstrates a skilful ability to interpret songs with an effortless natural style. Her voice has been described as possessing a distinctive, dynamic sound with a warm and soulful timbre.

Whilst Jazz is her primary focus, Annika also sings Latin, Soul, Funk, Blues and Gospel and commits to each song and style with great passion and energy. With her love of languages, multilinguist Annika adds another dimension to her performances by sometimes singing jazz songs in different languages.

Tickets are £10, available from the box office on 01308 424204 or from www.bridport-arts.com

Archeaology Talk at Dorset County Museum

Making a Living from Land and Sea, Peasants and their Environments in Later Medieval England

DORSET County Museum invites you to come along to a talk on later Medieval England this Friday, December 4th at 7.30pm, which will explore how peasants made a living in both coastal and inland villages, and the impact this had on other areas of their lives, for example marriage.

Speaker Dr Miriam Muller, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, says "This talk is based on my current research and will examine the differences between inland and coastal villages, in particular in relation to their underlying economies, and what effect such differences had on

Dr Muller has published on various aspects of rural life in later medieval England, and has a special interest in the sociology of village communities and the relationships between lords and peasants, including the uprising of 1381. Recently, she has published a paper re-examining the status of peasant women, and is currently researching how medieval villagers dealt with orphans and young heirs to the land.

This talk is open to everyone and is free of charge, although we do encourage a donation of £3 to cover



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24Pesos are playing at Bridport's Electric Palace this Friday, December 4th for the venue's popular monthly Blues Night. Tickets are £10.50 in advance or £12 on the door.

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Abba Merry Christmas Party

DANCING OUEENS and Super Troupers - join the platform-pounding, flares-flappin', jive-talkin', disco-dazzlin', boob-tube-bustin' Abba Merry Christmas Party at Bridport's Electric Palace on Saturday, December 5th.

You've seen the record-breaking movie, taken in the smash-hit West End musical, bought the chart topping albums and singles - now experience the UK's No1 concert show's 'fabba-ulous' festive party spectacular.

Starring solid-gold ABBA hits Mamma Mia, Dancing Queen, Super Trouper, Waterloo and scores more, this worldwide hit concert show is now celebrating its 20th sequin-spangled year.

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So come and ioin the fun as the Abba Merry Christmas Party sweeps into town this festive season. Tickets are £14 in advance or £18 on door. There is also the option to have a meal first at one of three selected venues - see website for details.

The show starts at 8pm (doors open 7pm). Tickets are £14 in advance, or £18 on the door. Tickets are available from seetickets.com, from Electric Palace box office, or from Bridport TIC (01308 424901).

Pre-show dinner at The Taj Mahal, The George or The Olive Tree, Bridport, 5.30pm-7pm. Dinner and Show £30 advance sales only (incl reserved seating) - for details see venue website.

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BRIDPORT: Autumn - an exhibition of prints by Bridport Camera Club at the Tourist Information Centre, Bucky Doo Square, Bridport. The club is always pleased to welcome new members. Please contact the Club Secretary on 01308 459266.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2ND

Rousdon Social Club Annual Turkey Bingos. Doors 7.30pm, eyes down 8pm. Half asties, hotdogs and tea/coffee, bar available. At Peek Hall. Every Wednesday until December 9th BRIDPORT: Charity Concert at St Mary's. Starting at 7.30pm. £10 adults. Under 12s free

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road are holding a Winter Warm Up every Wednesday in December. Seasonal music and refreshments, also a stall selling goods in aid of the Dorcas Wessex Trust. All welcome. Come any time between 9.30am and 12noon.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3RD

BEAMINSTER: The One World Forum welcomes Dr Jonathan Hill, lecturer in Philosophy of Religion from Exeter University discussing 'Love Came Down at Christmas'. Visitors £4 includes tea/coffee/biscuit. All welcome. Enquiries: Peter 01308 458283. The AGM follows at 9pm'

Bripport: Bridport Electronic Organ Club Christmas Concert, 7.30pm, with Richard Monks, an excellent artist returning to bring the year to a close. At United Church Hall, East Street. Doors 7pm, concert 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Members £7, visitors £8, with refreshments. Membership is £4 per year.

BRIDPORT: Community Coffee Morning at St Swithun's Church Hall. Real coffee and homemade cakes at no charge. Come for a chat and the company of others. 10.45-11.45am

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4TH

CHARMOUTH: Bingo Evening at St. Andrews Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Licensed Bar, Raffle, Lucky Draw Board and Human Bingo. Doors open 7pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. All proceeds to St. Andrew's Community Hall. **LYME REGIS**: Bingo at Woodmead Halls, Hill Road. Raising money for Kayleigh Beddows who is running for Meningitis Now in the Virgin London Marathon, April 2016. Doors 7.30pm, eyes down 8pm. Fun filled evening with amazing prizes. Try your luck at the cash flyer and fabulous prize raffle. Teas, coffee and bar available on the night.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5TH

CHARMOUTH: Fernhill Hotel Christmas Fair, 1-4.30pm. A diverse selection of local crafters' work, live Christmas music, kids' activities and more. For more details call 01297 560492.

BRIDPORT: Bingo at the Youth Centre, Gundry Lane, 7.30pm. In aid of Barnardo's charity.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs present Dorset's own

"Arish Mel" with caller Dick Williams for a pre-Christ mas dance at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW. Bring and Share finger food supper, with some soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine and make a party of it! Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 - 11.00pm dance. Tickets on the door at £8.50, cheaper to buy in advance for £7.50 from "The Music Shop", South Street, "The Lime Tree" Deli, West Street, or book with Monty or Mecki on 01308 423 442, email monty3dayslate@yahoo.co.uk e www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM: Annual Christmas Dinner at the Village Hall DT66RF. 7pm for 7.30pm. Adults £12.50 to include a starter, turkey or beef carvery, dessert, cheese and biscuits and coffee or tea. Proceeds to the Village Hall and donation from raffle to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Tickets from Sue 01297 489375 by Dec 3rd.

BRIDPORT: Christmas Bingo and Raffle at St Swithun's House, North Allington. 7.30pm. In aid of Barnardo's.

SATURDAY DEC 5TH & SUNDAY DEC 6TH LYME REGIS: Visit The Town Mill's traditional Christmas Craft Market for unique seasonal gifts handmade by local craftsmen and women. The Courtyard and Malthouse Galleries, The Town Mill, Mill Lane DT7 3PU. Open daily; 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. www.townmillartsguild.com

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH

CHARMOUTH: Craft Fair at the Community Hall, 9am-3pm. The craft fair is for crafters of bespoke gifts and accessories, all of the craft sellers are local to this area. WEST BAY, NEAR BRIDPORT: The New Elizabethan Singers will perform their annual Christmas Concert at St John's Church, West Bay. They will be joined this year for the first time by children from West Coker C. of E. Primary School for Christmas music, readings and, of course, carols with the congregation. There will be a retiring collection, raffle and refreshments and admission is free. The concert starts at 3pm and all are welcome.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Wessex Military Band Winter Feast
of Music with special guest Dietmar Schuetz playing Alpine Horn, plus a few other musical treats for a winters afternoon. Tickets £8.75/concessions £6.75. 3pm. At Bridport Arts Centre. Call 01308 424204 or visit www.bridport-arts.com for more details and tickets.

MONDAY DECEMBER 7TH BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents 'Mr Holmes' in the

Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets from Yarn Barton (01308 862715) 9.30-12.30 weekdays and 9-1pm Saturdays, or call 01308 861378. Tickets are £5 (in advance) or £5.50 on the door.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8TH

LYME REGIS: The Lyme Regis Society will be hosting a talk on Shipwrecks of Lyme Bay given by Nigel Clarke on at 2.30pm, Woodmead Hall. All Welcome.

TUESDAY DEC 8TH - SUNDAY JANUARY 3RD

LYME REGIS: For the fifth year, The Courtyard Gallery hosts a Vintage Pop Up Shop throughout the holiday season where you can pick up sourced, repaired and up-cycled vintage items, perfect for Secret Santas or Christmas treats, Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane DT7 3PU. Open daily; 10am-4.pm. Free admission. www.townmillartsguild.com
LYME REGIS: The annual Christmas Art Fair showcases

the latest works by members of Town Mill Arts, offer-ing for sale at affordable prices paintings, drawings, prints, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books, Malt-house Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. Open daily; 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admis-sion. www.townmillartsguild.com

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Christmas Cheer and Late Night Shopping 2015. In Bucky Doo Square, South Street. 4-8pm. An evening of festivities. Late night shopping, roasted chestnuts, music, rides, food, craft & charity stalls, farmers market plus Father Christmas & Santa's grotto. Craft Fairs in the Art Centre and Bridport Town Hall, plus lots more.

ROUSDON: Combpyne Rousdon Social Club Annual Turkey Bingos. Doors 7.30pm, eyes down 8pm. Half time pasties, hotdogs and tea/coffee, bar available. At Peek Hall. Every Wednesday until December 9th

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10TH

CHARMOUTH: Christmas Bingo at St Andrews Hall, doors 7.30pm, eyes down 8pm. In aid of Whitchurch

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group at St George'e Hall, Fordington, from 2.15pm. Musical afternoon with songs of the 40s, 50s and 60s. Also Carols and Mine Pies Charge £1. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269 634.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast Quiz. Friendly quiz to celebrate 10th anniversary 11am to 2.30pm including buffet lunch, tea and cake. Teams of 6 will be organ ised from attending members. Woodmead Hall, Hill Road. To join U3A see website lymeregisu3a.org or

Lyme Reas: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Competition: Smoke. Followed by a selection of AV Presentations. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH

UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence dancing at Uplyme Village Hall. Entry £4.50 per person in aid of hall funds. 8-10.30pm. For more details call 01297 442439 BRIDPORT: Bridport Town Hall Craft Fairs 9am-3pm. LYME REGIS: Christmas Fayre, to be opened by the Mayor of Lyme Regis at midday. Fair from 12-4pm at the Hub, Church Street. Come and join us for some festive cheer. Support a local charity and try your luck on our raffle. Hand crafted jewellery and gifts. Refreshments provided. Organised by Moving On West Dorset – Supporting mental wellbeing in

WEYMOUTH: Weymouth Choral Society Christmas Concert. At new venue St John's Church. The Society will be joined by the Dorset Sinfonia Orchestra (conductor David Ansell), who will provide full accompaniment to a packed programme of seasonal items. Concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (and free to under 16s), available from members or phone 01305 775644, or at the door.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH BRIDPORT: Annual RNLI Christmas Carols and Songs

will be held at The West Bay Hotel, West Bay, Bridport from 7pm, courtesy of Sam and Tess Good. An evening of festive fun for all including light refreshments, a bumper Christmas raffle and some really good music and song. Early arrival is advised. Wyke Reass: I'm Dreaming of a Wyke Christmas' Fayre. 12-4.30pm in Wyke Square and the Memorial Hall (Chamberlaine Road). Time for Wykeites to decorate their houses and join us in the Memorial Hall and Square by the Christmas Tree ... local charity and trade stalls, food and crafts, bouncy castle and round-about, come and buy your Christmas presents, enjoy the entertainment and support local charities. Father Christmas will be in the Social Club grotto, where you can post your letter. For more details visit wykefayre.moonfruit.com or call 01305 761993.

MONDAY DECEMBER 14TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Open to all. £7 (concs available). At Othona Community (DT6 4RN). For more details call 01308 897130.

ReView: Glorious Mozart Concert at the Parish Church

splendid Mozart Concert, part of the Lyme Bay Chorale's Winter 2015 series. For this major occasion musical director Alex Davies invited additional solo singers and orchestral players, altogether amounting to over 50 performers impressively arrayed at the east end of the nave at the Parish Church. The programme consisted of two major religious choral works, the Credo Mass and the Litaniae de venerabili altaris sacremento. In between came the wonderful solo motet Exultate, jubilate. The two big choral works were written when Mozart was 20 years old, and the Exultate when he was only 16.

From the very first notes we could tell that this was going to be a fine concert, well prepared and delivered in excellent professional style. The voices of the Lyme Bay Chorale were well balanced throughout, the orchestra never overwhelming (even with 6 brass players and timpani) and particularly effective continuo provided by Peter Parshall playing the church's chamber organ and cellist Hilary Boxer. The Credo Mass lived up to its name, with the credo dominating all the other sections by its length and division into contrasting moods. The long silence before the quiet and intense "et incarnatus" was striking, as were the later joyful outbursts in the Hosanna section. The four soloists, Chloe Stratta, Julie De'ath Lancaster, Les Baker and David Fouracre, sang beautifully both in their solos and in ensemble

There was a surprise in store for the performance of Exultate, jubilate. This was the appearance of the noted professional counter-tenor, Paul Esswood, to

piece. He gave a graphic account of the 16-year-old Mozart's journey across the Alps in winter to hear the first performance of his opera Lucio Silla in Milan in 1772. The lead singer on that occasion was the castrato Venanzio Rauzzini, who so impressed Mozart that he composed Exultate especially for him. Incidentally Rauzzini, who later became a notable figure in Bath, enjoyed a private life which has given rise to speculation that he was not a castrato at all, but a natural male soprano! At all events the Exultate is astounding in its range and innovation. Philippa Hyde, who has given much support and encouragement to singers in Lyme Regis, gave a truly breath-taking performance. She combined beautiful tone with astonishing virtuosity, soaring through the fast runs and up to dramatic high notes with complete control and

The final work was the last of Mozart's four settings of the Litany. For this manysectioned prayerful music, Mozart composed wonderfully varied sections, some for soloists and others for full choir. The two solos, one for tenor (Les Baker) and one for soprano (Phillipa Hyde) were virtuoso pieces with busy orchestral accompaniments, beautifully executed. Other sections were solemn, and it was good to hear the choir sing slower quiet music with intensity and feeling. The great "Pignus" fugue, with its leaps, sustained notes and complicated rhythms, was a tour de force. Congratulations to all concerned, but especially to Alex Davies for conceiving and arranging such a memorable concert

Richard Godfrey

The Alternative Office Christmas Do

CORNISH theatre company Trifle Gathering bring their all-new Alternative Office Christmas Do to The Lyric; an original celebratory event for all those in search of a much needed giggle.

This Christmas they return to Bridport with their brilliant show based on what can happen at work. They have formalised a fun-filled event to help 'boost moral' and tackle some of the 'is-

sues' found in the office such as; hot desk bullying, technophobia and mug share rioting. The delightful Carol and Saskia will lead you through a warm festive evening, demonstrating useful strategies to help maintain a calm office arena as well as reflecting on the year we've all had.

This special event is an all-inclusive experience for groups of friends, families and colleagues to come together for an evening of office themed festive fun. Non-office workers please take this opportunity to experience your first office Xmas bash! Suitable for ages 16+.

The Show comes to Bridport's Lyric Theatre on Friday, December 11th at 8pm. Tickets are £16 to include delicious three-course finger food by BearKat, available from Bridport Arts Centre: 01308 424204 / www.bridport-arts.com and Box Office Coffee or on the door on the night.

Weymouth Choral Society Christmas Concert

WEYMOUTH Choral Society is proud to present its annual Christmas concert on Saturday, December 12th.

This year the concert will take place in a new venue at \$t John's Church, Weymouth. The Society is especially thrilled to be joined by the Dorset Sinfonia Orchestra (conductor David Ansell) who will provide full accompaniment to a packed programme of seasonal items. As well as the traditional congregational carols, other choral items include favourites by John Rutter, extracts from Handel's 'Messiah' including the wonderful 'Hallelujah Chorus', and the uplifting 'O Holy Night'. The orchestra will entertain with some well-known interludes

such as 'Sleigh Ride' and a medley from 'The Nutcracker Suite'. Soprano Caroline Thomas will be providing solo items and Louise Dukes will be at the piano. The programme promises an evening of great variety and different musical styles as we share with you the contemplative and celebratory aspects of the Christmas season

Join Weymouth Choral Society and The Dorset Sinfonia for what promises to be a large and satisfying helping of Christmas fare!

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (and free to under 16s) available from members or phone 01305 775644 or at the door.

Light up a Life

Light up a Life is a time of celebration and reflection, remembering the life and love of those who are dear to us by dedicating a light in their memory.

WELDMAR'S Light up a Life Appeal invites you to make a donation and dedicate a light (or lights) in memory of someone special. All dedications

All dedications will be acknowledged with a special card with all names recorded

in the 2015 Book of Remembrance. Dedications may be requested until December 31st 2015.

During the services, the Christmas tree lights will be illuminated - each light on the tree representing the life of a loved one who is no longer with us.

Service details as follows:

- Sunday, December 6th Weymouth Brewers Quay 4.30pm
- Tuesday, December 8th Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens 4.30pm

At Lyme Regis there will be a prayer of remembrance and dedication during the Parish Carol Service in St Michael's Church on Sunday, December 20th at 4pm.

Our Light up a Life Appeal invites you to make a donation and dedicate a light in memory of someone special. All dedications will be acknowledged with a special card with all names recorded in our 2014 Book of Remembrance.

How to dedicate lights

Light up a Life

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4. SMOKE alarms should also be tested regu-

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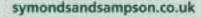
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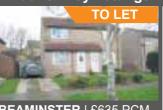


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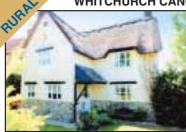






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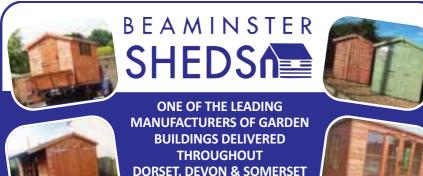
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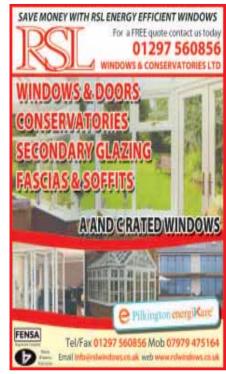
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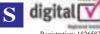
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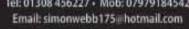
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Four versions are available, all powered by an upgraded EU6 version of Kia's efficient 1.7-litre CRDi turbodiesel engine, now paired with either a sixspeed manual or a new seven-speed (7DCT) dual-clutch auto transmission.

Fully connected to enhance comfort, convenience and safety The all-new Optima is the first car in its class with a wireless charger for

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The Optima is also available with a 360-degree Around View Monitor which, through four strategically mounted cameras, gives the driver a bird'seye view when manoeuvring, while a Smart Park Assist System automatically steers the car in and out of parallel or perpendicular parking slots.

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Lane Keep Assist, Speed Limit Information Function, Blind Spot Detection and Rear Cross Traffic Alert, which warns drivers about to pull out of a perpendicular parking space into the path of a vehicle approaching from the side, are also available.

Up to 25 per cent lower CO2 emissions with improved economy

The Optima's 1.7-litre CRDi turbodiesel engine now develops an improved 139bhp and increased torque of 340Nm, starting at a lower 1,750rpm. This represents increases of 5bhp and 15Nm over the previous version. The engine meets EU6 emissions regulations and delivers outstanding performance for its capacity with effortless driveability. It was engineered at Kia's European research and development centre in Germany

With the Idle Stop & Go (ISG) engine stop/start system as standard, CO2 emissions of manual models are 14 per cent lower at 110g/km, while fuel economy improves to a highly impressive 67.3mpg. An even bigger improvement is apparent with the new 7DCT dual-clutch auto gearbox, which replaces the previous six-speed torque converter unit. Emissions tumble by 25 per cent, to 116g/km, while fuel economy is now 64.2mpg. As a result, benefit-in-kind taxation in manuals falls by three tax bands

while for the 7DCT the reduction is an even more dramatic 42g/km and eight tax bands. Meanwhile, with fuel consumption improved by almost 10mpg for manual models and more than 17mpg for the 7DCT automatics, fleet running costs will be dramatically lower – an attractive proposition for fleet customers.

For private owners there are significant benefits, too. The standard rate of Vehicle Excise Duty, or road tax, falls by £90 per year with manual versions and by £150 with the 7DCT after the initial registration payment.

The seven-speed (7DCT) dual-clutch auto transmission was developed in-house at Kia's research and development centre in Korea with the aim of delivering the comfort and smoothness of a torque converter transmission in automatic mode with the sportiness of a manual when the driver chooses to take control of gear-changing via the steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters.

A plug-in hybrid (PHEV) Optima, offering a commuter-friendly all-electric drive range with even lower emissions and greater taxation advantages, will be added later in 2016

And it will not stop there. Kia has already announced that it plans to offer

sporty GT-Line and GT versions later in 2016, while the SPORTSPACE concept from the 2015 Geneva Motor Show hints at an estate version to come another first for the company. Sharper appearance and greater cabin quality

Kia has taken an evolutionary approach to the all-new Optima's exterior design, maintaining the identity of a car which still looks as smart today as it did when launched, while introducing greater modernity and boldness.

The all-new Optima has an even greater road presence thanks to a 10mm increase in wheelbase and overall length, a similar increase in height and a 25mm wider body. At the same time, sharper body lines and greater surface detailing make the all-new Optima stand out from The increase in overall length to 4,855mm creates space for an even

more swept-back and dynamic side profile. A shoulder line extending all the way from the front light units creates a clean, straight link from front and rear. The door panels are deeply sculpted and curve into slightly extended side sills. The car's athletic appearance is reinforced at the rear, where a rising boot

lid and an expansive rear bumper flow into a diffuser section which houses the chrome-tipped oval exhaust tailpipe. The new body is more aerodynamically efficient as well as more

stylish, reducing the drag co-efficient (Cd) from 0.3 to 0.29. Each tiny improvement in Cd has a significant impact on fuel economy, particularly

The all-new Optima has a more modern interior layout with a horizontal dash structure and far higher-quality materials. The dash is now angled at 8.5 degrees towards the driver. The standard central 7.0- or 8.0-inch navi gation touch-screen is set at exactly the same height as the instruments.

The fascia is divided into an upper display zone and a lower control zone while the number of buttons and switches has been reduced because more functions are now accessed via the touch-screen, giving the cabin a less cluttered look.

The impressive quality is apparent in the soft-touch materials, interior lighting – LED at the top of the range – and, on the road, greater refinement as a result of increased sound-proofing.

All of this is supported by increased passenger and luggage space and improved practicality thanks to the car's enlarged dimensions, while the boot capacity has risen from 505 to 510 litres, and there is a wider opening.



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The debut of two new Scirocco Black Edition models: the Scirocco GT Black Edition and Scirocco R-Line Black Edition, sees the addition as standard of black painted alloy wheels, a black painted contrast roof, door mirrors and rear spoiler, and 90% tinted rear windows. Together, they significantly enrich the visual appeal of this already dynamic-looking coupé.

The Scirocco GT Black Edition boasts 18-inch Black Lisbon alloy wheels, while the R-Line Black Edition benefits from arch-filling 19-inch Black Lugano alloy wheels. Priced from £23,135 (RRP OTR) for the GT Scirocco Black Edition 1.4-litre TSI BlueMotion Technology – a premium of £550 over the equivalent GT and R-Line trims – the new models offer great value for money, too. As an example, the 18-inch Lisbon alloy wheels alone would oth-erwise be a £610 option on the GT trim, while the cars' 90% tinted windows are a £70 option.

The third generation Scirocco made its global public debut at the Geneva Motor Show in March 2014 – 40 years after the original debuted – and comes with a range of advanced engines that offer up to 280 PS yet also promise both impressive performance and fuel efficiency.

Styling highlights include eye-catching headlight and LED tail light designs, a front bumper featuring aerodynamic 'blades' in the outer section and, inside, a dashboard containing an auxiliary instrument cluster above the centre console consisting of chronometer, charge pressure and oil temperature gauges.

Under the Scirocco's purposeful bonnet lies one of six turbocharged direct-injection petrol or diesel engines, all of which meet EU6 emissions standards and return between 67.3 and 35.3 mpg. Every model in the range except the R feature BlueMotion Technology additions, meaning they come as standard with Stop/Start and brake energy recuperation systems.

In new GT Black Edition and R-Line Black Edition guise the petrol range comprises a 1.4-litre 125 PS or a 2.0-litre 180 PS unit while two diesel engines, both 2.0-litre, offer either 150 PS or 184 PS. The 1.4-litre TSI comes with a sixspeed manual gearbox, while all other engines are fitted with a standard six-speed manual gearbox or the option ranges from 9.3 seconds to 5.5 seconds, depending on engine and transmission choice, while top speeds, where legal, range from 126 mph to 155 mph (limited).

Standard equipment across the entire Scirocco range includes the Composition Media system with 6.5-inch colour touch screen, Bluetooth telephone and audio connection, DAB digital radio receiver, MDI (Multi Device Interface) via USB connection, SD card reader and single CD player along with air conditioning; automatic headlights and wipers; an auto-dimming rear view mirror; height- adjustable sports seats and a multifunction leathercovered steering wheel (with paddleshifts on DSG models)

The Scirocco GT features, in addition to the Composition Media system, Discover Navigation offering branded points of interest, dynamic navigation based on TMC+, preloaded European navigation data and Fast, Short and Eco route options as well as 2Zone climate control; dark-tinted rear windows; front fog lights; front and rear parking sensors; a black roof lining; 'chequered flag' dash inserts and aluminium-look pedals and cloth and part Alcantara-trimmed upholstery.

The R-Line model comes with R-Linespecific bumpers and side skirts; R-Line scuff plates; an R-Line-specific steering wheel, handbrake and gear lever; 'carbonlook' dash inserts; and heated, electrically adjustable 'Vienna' leather sports seats.

Top-of-the-range Scirocco R models add a host of sporting and luxury features including Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC); Unique 'R' sports suspension lowered by around 10 mm; Bi-xenon headlights with dynamic curve lighting, automatic range adjustment, static cornering function and headlight washers; black brake calipers with 'R' logo; LED daytime running lights set into the front bumper (in lieu of front fog lights); a bespoke 'R' styling pack; Gloss Black decorative interior trim inserts; leather trimmed three-spoke multifunction steering wheel Vienna leather uphol-stery and front sports seats with embossed 'R' logo.

Volkswagen Scirocco GT Black Edition and R-Line Black Edition models are available to order now, with first registrations due in January 2016. For more details visit: www.volkswagen.co.uk



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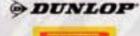
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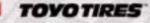








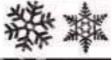




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Football tables Weymouth Golf Club annual presentation evening

Wonderful season marked at awards night

IT has been another amazing year for Weymouth Golf Club members whose achievements and generosity were recognised and celebrated, during their annual Presentation Evening.

Tom Robson, who has had outstanding success at Club, County and National level - reducing his handicap to +3, was awarded a special silver salver engraved with his achievements.

Ladies winning three or more major trophies were; Penny Hunt, Maria Woodham and Dilvs Grant.

Club Champions; Junior Champion; Sean Dimmick. Senior Champion; Alan Bates. Ladies Club Champion; Mandy Hawkins. Club Champion Tom Robson (Basso Cup Scratch).

A cheque for £1,935, 08 was awarded to the Prostate Cancer Research by the past Lady Captain Pat Ray and Past Club Captain Steve King, it received by representative Trevor Rogers.

In addition £4,608-67 was raised on Pink Day in aid of Brest Cancer and it was received by their local representative Dave Tattersall.







Midweek football

Dorchester Town 0 Hitchin Town 1

Evo-Stik Premier – att; 283

FOR the second time in four days Dorchester failed score at The Avenue. On Saturday they didn't test the Hungerford Town keeper once, and on Tuesday they hardly produced a shot of note against Hitchin Town until late in the second half.

Whilst the Canaries are on a good run with nine wins and a draw in their last ten before this match, the lack of shots on goal must be a worry for Mark Jermyn as the Magpies slipped to 11th position in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division.

The visitors almost made the perfect start when Jonny McNamara put Robbie Burns through inside two minutes, but fortunately Alan Walker-Harris was off his line to smother the ball before the striker could pull the

Although Luke Holmes making his full debut linked well with Bradley Tarbuck and Ben Watson, the Magpies found it difficult to penetrate the Canaries defence although Jonah Ayunga scuffed his shot after finding space and Tarbuck missed the target.

As with Saturday the goal came out of the blue. Just before the half hour, Lewis Rolfe found Burns free and he moved forward before providing Brett Donnelly with an easy tap-in. The same player should have scored again two minutes later but his free header from six

Looking to get back in the game after the break, Dorchester pushed forward which left them a little vulnerable to the break, and twice Harris-Walker had to be alert, making good saves from McNamara and Sam

However, he almost gifted Hitchin a second when he recovered to stop McNamara scoring after slicing his clearance. Dorchester created one last effort to attempt to grab a point but Dan Webb diverted Tarbuck's drive over the crossbar.

Weymouth & District Table Tennis League

Shot-shy Magpies Springfield A extend lead at top with big win

their lead at the top of Division with a 27-9 victory over Budmouth B as the league got back on track after last week's

Ben Graham top scored for the school side with five points and secured their only win of the night with a 3-0 success over Steve Jackson.

Budmouth A had a hugely entertaining 30-10 victory over bottom side Red Triangle. Tony Reed pushed Tom Cherry all the way in an opening 2-3 defeat and Derrick Dawson showed remarkable defensive skills in picking up five points across his three

Sai Maganti and Shaun Beauchamp both picked up the full nine points in a 28-13 win for Wyke A over YMCA

Ken Brake top scored for YMCA with six points.

In Division Two Preston B continue to lead the way after a convincing 28-8 over the youngsters of All Saints. Luke Dadds was All Saints' most consistent performer picking up six legs. Pilgrims A could only field two players and felt the consequences of this in a 9-23 loss to Shipton Gorge B. Graham Albertella won both his matches for Shipton to top

Preston C were on the wrong end of a 19-20 loss to Springfield C. This was as close as it looks with the high point being Alan Burton winning his first match this season for Preston. Budmouth D registered a good 25-15 win over bottom side Wyke D in an enjoyable contest. Tom Lydford came through a close encounter with Rod Wyness at the start of



the match and was then involved in two more five setters STEPS M climbed to the summit of **Division Three** with a 23-15 win over bottom side Preston D. Richard Wood scored nine points for STEPS with Malcolm Smith top scoring for Preston with a hard fought and respectable eight

Colliton C moved up to second with a 23-9 win over the girls of Budmouth E.

Wyke C overcame Pilgrims B 21-14 at the Springfield Club in a match that was closely fought.

STEPS J secured a 19-13 win over Springfield D, who only had two players available. David Moth hit a full nine points for Springfield but it was ultimately the lack of that

third player that did for them despite his best efforts. All fixtures and results can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk

Basketball

Turtles left shell shocked

THE Weymouth Mission Fitness Bandits travelled to evening to try and lift the team spirit again after suffering several defeats re-

The evening didn't have the best of starts as the Weymouth first team could only manage to get six players to travel to the away fixture. but that didn't phase the mentality of the team as all six started off very posi-

As the first quarter got under way, Bandits Craig Sorrell got the game rolling scoring the first 13 points for the away team as they pulled away swiftly from Torbay Turtles, out classing the home side offensively and defensively, taking the quarter 15-33.

The second quarter had the same tempo from the Mission Fitness Bandits with all 6 players getting on the score sheet and putting 110 percent into their game. With Alex Legg and Jeff

Robertshaw getting good open shots from outside the key, Bandits kept applying the pressure on offence whilst at the other end.

Jordan Daniels was playing a key part in keeping the defence tight and denying the home side Torbay any chance of getting easy

buckets under the ring.

Bandits came off on top of the 2nd quarter, managing to keep Torbay to 15 again against their 27.

Going into the second half with a healthy 30-60 lead. Weymouth looked a little fatigued as the Turtles hit eight points with no answer.

But it didn't take long for Bandits to pull it back again after strong drives into the key from Chris Canham and Craig Sorrell started getting Torbay into foul trouble and with 10 from 13 shots from the free throw line made meant the 3rd quarter finished tied at 15-15.

The fourth quarter was obviously going to be tough for the Mission Fitness Bandits as all six players had worked so hard to keep in front for the whole game, it was all about the defence and maintaining a strong composure for the last few

With help from Tom Storey getting out to stop the outside shots, Weymouth held the home side to only lose the last quarter 16-9 bringing home the Win

It might of been a stand out personal performance by Craig Sorrell but all 6 players deserved the MVF award for this game as they all put in an all-star performance.

Scores: Craig Sorrell 45. Jeff Robertshaw 10, Jordan Daniels 9, Tom Storey 9 Chris Canham 7, Alex Legg

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Bridport Darts

Dorchester & District **Snooker**

RESULTS; Purbeck Potters 4 WDC Whip-ping Boys 2, Colliton XQ2015 4 Trinity Ex press 4, Trinity M 6 Colliton Hopefuls 2 Colliton Hopefuls Purbeck Potters 6 Leading breaks: P.Mc

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Rearranged League matches; West Dorse Club A v Trinity M XQ2015 v West Dorse Club A (Dec 10), WDC Whipping Boys v Colliton XQ2015 (Dec 14)

Team Handicap KO Cup Round Two draw: WDC draw; Whipping Boys (Dec Colliton XQ2015 (Dec 2nd), Colliton Hopefuls cember 3rd), Purbeck Potters v Trinity M (Dec 3rd).

Bridport Rugby Club

First floodlit friendly is great success

ment Squad) played Dorchester (mixed 2nds/3rds) under lights at the Brewery Ground on Friday Fifty spectators braved the cold

and damp to watch the spectacle.

This match was a first for Bridport, as the previous lights did not achieve match standard. Following a partial grant from RFU the lights were fitted in the summer by Chris and Ricky Stubbs.
The game was a friendly as part

of the programme of local club friendlies to promote social, rather than league rugby. The match was officiated by young referee Louie Browne and assisted by Michael O'Hagan.

Bridport started strongly and opened the scoring within two minutes and crossed the line regularly with Rob Davies, Anthony Dommett, Jason Kidd and Jamie Livingstone amongst the try scor-

It was not all one-sided and Dorchester attacked frequently, with their wingers and a very mo bile prop threatened, but Bridport's tackling was robust and they were quick over the ball at the breakdown.

There was some fierce clearing out and overall the performance was worthy of a higher level

Dan Down made a welcome return to rugby following an injury lay off. He charged Dorchester's line and penetrated to great effect. Linking with Livingstone and nimble Joe Hewetson is was very much an attacking perform-

Daraigh McGloughlin also returned from a concussion, being placed on the, and proved a handful for the opposition back line. Richie Middleton, Kidd and Toby Hawker linked well and made good ground.

The only negative points to the

beat fellow strugglers Plymouth Grammar

Because of the elements it was a fairly

crappy game, and in the first half the two

sides cancelled each other out with only a couple of half chances at either end. How-

ever, PGSOB did have one good opportunity to take the lead but Hawks' keeper Tom

Lowe, who was in outstanding form

Despite their depleted numbers, the

Hawks took the game to their opponents

after the break and were soon rewarded with

A good move involving Richard Puzey

and Gavin Brooking saw them release right

back Julian May. He drove into the 25 before

firing in a cross which was converted at the

Within five minutes they had doubled their

lead, although there was a touch of luck

May launched an aerial pass from some

distance, and with the Plymouth defenders

frantically running back to cover, the ball hit

a wire used to suspend the divider net across

the pitch and dropped nicely for stand-in

skipper Rick Steele. He moved forward into

the D and when his shot was blocked, Gar-

grave was on hand to fire home from the re-

PGSOB's tempers became frayed in the

frustration, and they had a player yellow carded for abuse to the umpire, but it also

galvanised them and they put the Hawks

under severe pressure. MOM Lowe had to

far post by the inrushing Ollie Gargrave.

throughout, pulled off a great save.

Bridport game was that some of-floads could have been made earlier to use supporting runners and overlaps.

Dorchester had good individual skills but it was obvious that Bridport were more of a unit and put on a good team performance. The final score was 39-5 to Brid-

All-in-all it was a good evening: social but entertaining rugby, the lights proving up to the task, the bar open till late and a bolog-

Saturday's fixtures (2.15pm ko) Dorchester v Bridport 1st XV, Bridport 2nd XV v Swanage & Wareham 4ths.

Bridport Under 10s v Weymouth/Yeovil

THE hard work put in by the young Blues during mid-week training paid off handsomely on Sunday as they got the better of two very strong sides in Weymouth and Yeovil

Playing away at Weymouth, the first game was very close with Luke O'Neil showing good pace to outrun the defence and score.

Weymouth equalised with the last move of the game to leave it - 1, but Bridport were warming to the task and against a solid Yeovil side showed real character and no little skill to record a 4 - 2

O'Neil scored again and new recruit Matthew Elven crossed the line for his first try for the club. Mally Titcombe-James claimed the third try, and then the fourth with a terrific flourish having run half the length of the pitch.

Bridport continued to work well together as a team in attack and defence, and in the second game against Weymouth they won convincingly 3–1.

Titcombe-James completed his hat-trick for the day, Elven outsprinted the opposition for his

After some good support play Henry Everitt was stopped inches short of the line, but the everalert Charlie Brake was on hand to complete the move.

In the fourth and final game against Yeovil, the Under 10s delighted their coaches by keeping a clean sheet whilst scoring twice.

Abi Alner was quickest to a loose ball after a strong run from O'Neil for the first try, with Charles Edwards providing the second with a powerful run up-

Dom Burdett won Player of the day award with an excellent allround display.

Weymouth U12 10 Bridgort 10 PLAYING downhill in the first half Bridport were faced with a team that, often allowed to be offside. drove them back over the ball, and released quick ball to their

But Bridport took the lead when a distance kick from Toby Pattermore was chased down by Oliver Hansford-Harvey to score the first try.

In a first half lasting 27 minutes Weymouth equalised in the score in the last seconds.

At half time spectators felt that Weymouth would run away with the game downhill. Not so. A try by Weymouth was

matched by a barnstorming uphill touch down by George Found. A breakaway try from Weymouth seemed to seal it, but again Bridport surged up the slope, fed the ball to Jake Lydon who drove over for a levelling try on the final whistle.

With Henry Mason winning four against the head, George Found driving 70 metres, and Araminta May having a blinder at Scrum Half, choice of Man of the Match was going to be difficult, but Jake Lydon's defensive tack-



the title.

Community spirit

BRIDPORT U13s squad raised funds for their tour to Ireland by packing carrier bags at Morrison's, Bridport

A spokesman for the squad said: "Dressed in their match kit, the players spent the day helping customers bag packing at the tills. This was a great opportunity to chat to the local community about our tour and the game we love playing.
"Over the day we raised £532,

so a big thank you to all the customers that were so generous and supportive to our goal.

"The team of players and parents are targeting £8500 to take 24 boys to play in the county Cork rugby festival, Ireland.

"So far we have raised £4500 from many different events in the past two months. We have put on boot sales, hog roasts, bingo nights, fashion shows and collected 1ps, 2ps from all the players' friends and families. "It all goes towards creating the

opportunity to experience new horizons and helps broaden the players' enjoyment of the game. Our next event is the Christmas

dinner and auctions at the Red Brick Café on Saturday (7pm). "We have put together a wide

range of fabulous item and events to bid for and we hope you can come down to support us on the St Michaels trading es-

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Fixtures (December 7th); New Inn Kilm A v New Inn Kilm B, Axminster Con Club v Beer Club, Talbot Arms v Lamb Swans, Nags Head v Stepps, Royal Oak v Ship Inn.

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Royal Oak	11
Beer Club	12
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two-man **Pilgrims**

SHIPTON Gorge B were the only Shipton team to play thiś week in the Wey-mouth & District Table Tennis League and they managed to picked up a solid 23-9 win over Pilgrims A in Division Two to keep them in third place.

Their opponents only able to field two players helped them on their way but Graham Albertella won both his matches for Shipton to top score. He was supported well

by Derek Wheeler and Brian Cammell who both picked up a win a piece.

averages can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk

Lyme Darts

Nags Z	7	12
Nags Head A	7	11
Rousdon Club	5	10
Janners	7	8
Rock Point	4	6
Four Play	6	5
Talbot Arms	7	4
Hunters Lodge	5	4
Cobb Arms	5	3
Royal Standard	5	3
Four's Company	7	3
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Shipton B sink Hockey

School Old Boys A

a goal.

sulting melee.

Stunning away victory for ten-man Hawks make a series of saves to keep them at bay, PGSOB A 0 West Dorset Hawks 3 DESPITE only having 10 players due to the the best a fantastic reaction save to push a late withdrawal of captain Robin Goodfellow through injury, West Dorset Hawks overcame gale force winds, rain and cold to flick away that was a certain goal whilst

going the wrong way. Surviving a barrage of short corners the Hawks broke out and a neat passing movement saw Charlie Davis release Steve Mearing who went on a superb solo run from the halfway line beating three players before

scoring and putting the result beyond doubt. Unfortunately he was harshly yellow carded for a tackle at the restart, and with Plymouth back to full strength, the Hawks had to survive the final ten minutes with just

This was a stunning performances in the circumstances in which every player deserves credit for their efforts.

Kellas slams six

West Dorset A 9 Minehead B 0

FOLLOWING their poor performance the previous weekend, West Dorset A returned to form at home to lowly Minehead B.

From the start it was West Dorset forcing the play and they wasted no time in taking the lead as John Kellas slotted home after three minutes.

The home side were dictating play and they extended their lead on 10 minutes when Russell Coombes squared the ball for Kellas to tap home.

Kellas added his third just before half time when he picked up a loose ball in the area and fired into the corner.

The defence of Rob Clarke, Giles Maltby,

Bertie Newman and Henry Middleton were rock solid with stand-in keeper Alex Drew only having to make one save in the first

The second half started in similar fashion with West Dorset earning a short corner in the opening minutes which resulted in a serious knee injury to the Minehead keeper

who was unable to continue.
Following a 10 minute stoppage, the home side played some of their best hockey this season. Dan Wyatt, Krystian Dubas and Andrew Frampton were dominating midfield and creating chances for Kellas who scored his fourth before Coombes got himself on the score sheet when he skilfully deflected Rich Wilson's shot past the keeper.

The home side were forcing a number of short corners with the stand-in Minehead keeper making some smart saves, but West Dorset added to the score when Kellas scored his fifth and sixth goals.

Coombes scored two more to complete his hat trick towards the end, to make the final score 9-0.

Skipper Middleton said, "This was a great team performance, coming so soon after our shambolic showing the previous weekend. Everybody retained possession and passed the ball well.

"It was good to have John Kellas back in the team following a two game absence and he certainly showed his worth with six

Beaminster cruise to easy win Beaminster 7 Salisbury 4th 0

BEAMINSTER coasted to an easy win over bottom side Salisbury 4th's to boost their goal difference.

The visiting keeper was in good form once again as she was in their reverse fixture where she won her side their only point this season by keeping a blank sheet.

However, 14 minutes in Megan Tuck, who had already seen two efforts saved, cut the ball along the byline for Holly Clarke to

Beaminster continued their relentless pressure and eventually they broke through again to score through Andrea Prentice, before Tuck got a third with a cheeky back flick following a short corner before half

Salisbury, to their credit and with nothing to lose, applied some pressure early in the second half which was well dealt with by the Beaminster defence before the hosts took

Jackie Gape was running the Salisbury defence ragged with her mazy runs to the point that frustration set in and she was the subjected to some late tackles. However she had the last laugh by adding the fourth with a shot from a tight angle, before Prentice added her second of the match.

Jenny Clarke staved forward having made a run from the back and added the sixth with a reverse stick shot from open play, before daughter Holly completed the scoring with her second goal.

Such was Beaminster's dominance that keeper Rachel Goodfellow only touched the

However, in the last ten minutes they relaxed thinking job done, and Salisbury were unlucky when Beaminster were caught in possession and should have had a penalty flick awarded against them from the resulting melee.

Beaminster: Rachel Goodfellow, Jenny Clarke, Georgina Baker, Tary Critchard, Julia May, Andrea Prentice, Jackie Gape, Megan Tuck, Phoebe Stewart, Holly Clarke, Iris Garcia.

Clocking On Queen Bees Against the Odds Castaways Ladies Division Two Queenies of the Club Wildcats Up and Downers Next Door Wrong Bed Good Mates Charlie's Angels Tiger Stripes Anchors Aweigh

Alley Skittles

Lyme Regis

The following are through to

the Final on Monday, April 11th at Wootton Club; E

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Taylor, D Rickard, R Parsons, V

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The following are through to the Final on Friday, April 15th

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to Friday, April 15th; P Rattenbury, T Mayers, C Kapur, K

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ton, P Hodder, A Rattenbury, J

Lee, C Wrixon, G Kent, M Croad, A Churchill, D Rowe, J

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Ladies Singles

Wellman, K Quick. Men's League Div 1; No Hop-

Men's Singles

at Wootton Club.

Bowls

Ladies run continues

BRIDPORT Ladies great run in National Mason's competition continued with a 43-32 overall win against a strong YEOVIL side.

Francis Hewett, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick and Margaret Clapp won at home 18-14, with Pamaela Daters, Millie Meech, Margaret Pestelle and Sue Walsh winning 25-18 in Somerset. Bridport Men's over 60s

side picked up four points against DORCHESTER thanks to a superb win from John Boxall, Roy Gill and Phil Hedges 26-8.

Hedges again stole the show at BOURNEMOUTH, where with Tony Bartlett and Brian Legg they won 21-18 for two points.

Bridport's Mixed Friendly's side had two good wins over Dorchester and Sidmouth. Thelma Pratt, Penny Pither, Brian Baker and Dave Aylott were top rink against DORCHESTER winning 19-9.

Brian Parker, Robin Pither, Brian Pratt and Harry Hansford also won 19-18 as did Sylvia and Mike Fletcher and Sandra and Mel Hargett 19-17 as Bridport won 74-65 overall.

There was a thrilling finish in the game against SID-MOUTH who led by ten shots after 20 ends, but all four Bridport rinks scored on the last end to pull off a fantastic win 71-70.

Erica Sarson, Mel Hargett and the Fletchers were the hero's of the day finishing 6.3 for a 22-13 win. The Pither's and Pat and Roger Cowmeadow were the only other winning rink 18-14, although Parker, David Jenkin, Peter Varney and Hedges were edged out 16-17

Coffee anyone?

LYME REGIS Bowls Club members are reminded that there will be a **Coffee Morning** at the clubhouse, on the December 12th (11am).

bring along your friends and neighbours.

Lyme Golf

Two point win for young trio

IN the Men's 3-ball better ball competition juniors George Seed, Matt Watson and Stuart Wight showed a clean pair of heels to their elders, winning with 79

Jon Ebdon and more mature Roger Seed and Adrian Morgan were second with 77 points, while a vintage performance from Brian Rees, Neal Cullen and Roger Turner - 74 points saw them

The Ladies turned out for their Turkey Trot competition and the flyaway winner of Division One, with the best score of the day, was Di Smith with 35 points. Ladies captain Caroline Baker came 2nd with 32 from Rosie Jackman. 31.

Division Two was won by the ever-improving Kim Beauchamp (33 points) from Mary Minter, 31 and Felicity Horton 30.

Hard work pays off for Slaney

SIX days earlier things looked rosy for Bridport Boxing Club's chairman and head coach Alan Slaney as he ran his eye down the list of potential bouts ahead of last Saturday's annual tournament at Freshwater Holiday Park writes Stuart Broom.

Then disaster struck as injury and ill ness started to decimate his list.

Despite working from 4.30am trying to arrange replacements, by Thursday he was left with just seven, which included just two of his own club's 10 boxers, who had been forced out through injury and work commitments.

All his planning and hard work had been undone, but come Saturday evening 20 boxers who a crowd of around 350 another entertaining evening of skilful and absorbing boxing.

The evening opened with a skills bout between Joe Martin of Dorchester and Ben Benham from Blandford who set the scene for the night with a great display.

Most of the bouts involved younger boxers (aged 11-17 years) making their way in the sport and all went the distance except for two which ended in the second round with technical knockouts through injuries.

An appreciative crown once again helped to fuel the atmosphere, particularly at the finish which involved the two Bridport boxers, although unfortunately their support couldn't inspire victories.

Liam Middleton faced James Lee, and although the Ferndown boxer won a unanimous decision, Middleton gave a good account of himself.

In the final bout of the night Kyle D'arcy (Wessex) was too strong for Bridport's Peter Wellman who despite giving his all was on the wrong end of another unanimous decision.

The fight of the night involved Jed Davies (Barnstable) who won a split decision over Callum Charnock (Launceston), both boxers being congratulated by the judges and officials for their skills.

Addressing the crowd before proceedings Coach Slaney expressed his worry during the build up, the first time in 36 years that the tournament has been running that they have encountered such a problem, and thanked the committee for helping get the show on the road.

He explained that circumstances had meant that for the first time ever top club's like Willenhall, for which his brother is the coach, Golden Ring and Mayflower had been unable to send boxers.

He also thanked Freshwater for their support and the crown for which without the club wouldn't survive.

Results: Joe Martin (Dorchester) v Ben Benham (Blandford) skills bout;



Lewis Hodder (Downend) beat Chris Woods Tech ko; Kane Ademi (Downend) lost to Billy Goddard (Southampton) unan pts; Callum Charnock (Launceston) beat Jed Davies (Bridport) maj pts; Joe Adams (Downend) beat Brandon Adams (Southampton) unan pts; Joel Garrett (Avalon) beat Dale Smith (Ferndown) unan pts; Alex Dytham (Wessex) beat Raheem Khant (Southampton) unan

pts; Gary Bunt beat Marcus Preddy (Broadplain) tech ko; James Lee (Ferndown) beat Liam Middleton (Bridport) unan pts; Kyle Darcy (Wessex) beat Peter Wellman (Bridport) unan pts

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No Hopers Rousdon Rebels ...

Marksmen Young Guns Anthill Mob

Cup Fixtures:
Mens Nomination Individuals -1st round (eight winners each alley)
Monday, December 7th
Bradder D. Copper; M. Hooper; J. Symes; S. Welsford; H. Mills; P. Scott; H. Rathbone; G. Brooks.
Wednesday, December 9th
LORD NELSON: M. Horton; L. Dare; A. Cauldwell; C. Langdon; R. Pincombe; S. Lee; B. Seadon; A. Gay; M. Powell;

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Strawpeedoes 5
Yo Yo's 6
LHS 6
Mean Machine 5
Pinseekers 5
Pioneers 6
Survivors 5
Gunknowns 5
Groundhogs 4

A view on the Bees - Bridport FC

WITH STUART BROOM

Bees get deserved reward for hard work

Bridport 4 Hallen 3

Toolstation Premier – att; 70 BRIDPORT produced a dramatic comeback when beating Hallen in a seven goal thriller at St Mary's on Saturday.

Despite gale force winds both sides produced entertaining football that saw Mark Salter score his first goal for the Bees and Jamie Beasley fire a brace.

Things started badly for the hosts as they fell two goals behind inside 22 minutes, but Bridport stuck to their task and pulled a goal back just before the break.

Three goals in seven minutes in the final quarter of an hour put them in the driving seat, and although the Armadillos scored again four minutes before time, Bridbort held on.

Hallen had the advantage of the elements in the first half and took the lead through a mistake from Bee's young keeper Josh Hadley who dropped Graham Joint's header from a corner at the feet of

Kevin Camarco, who couldn't miss.

Bridport were by no means out of the game with Jamie Beasley firing in a suc-

cession of left wing crosses - Warren Byerley should have equalised three minutes later when he failed to control one eight yards from goal, allowing Ollie Butler to intercept and clear.

Bridport were attacking in droves and Alan Hill was unlucky to drive his shot just wide of the far post.

Despite Bridport's attacking intentions, it was Hallen who doubled their lead when the ball played over the Bees defence held in the wind allowing Camarco fire past an unprotected Hadley from 15

yards.

It was nearly three soon after when
Tomas Collett almost broke the crossbar
with a 20-yard free kick.

Despite the heavy conditions, Tom Richardson was outstanding and eventually forced Joint to bring him down on the

angle of the penalty box.

Although Beasley's free kick was blocked, the ball was recycled and Chris Clarke saw his angled shot blocked at the

near post by keeper Craig Beavis.

Bridport got one goal back in the 43rd

minute. Byerley fired in a vicious shot which Beavis tipped onto the post.

However, Beasley collected the rebound and fired it just inside the far post.

With the wind at their backs, Bridport immediately took the game to Hallen from the restart, but were lucky when Hadley dropped Read's long cross, and Ryan Hayter was quick to hack the ball to safety.

Beasley's powerful running down the left was causing problems and when Salter put him clear he ran on before smashing a shot against the outside of the

With just over 20 minutes remaining Matt Condliffe was introduced, and it was his injection of speed that changed the game Bridport's way.

Having had Beavis sprawling to hang on to his low shot, he sprinted onto Hayter's ball down the right before crossing into the six-yard box where Salter slipped the ball home.

Almost immediately a now rattled Beavis miskicked a clearance and

Beasley rounded him but shot past the far post.

Bridport took the lead on 78 minutes when Clarke's ball was neatly flicked on by Condliffe to leave Beasley in space, and with Hallen hardly knowing which way they were kicking his thumping low cross was turned into his own goal by a defender.

A third goal in just seven minutes followed when Max Buckler dinked the ball over the visiting defence for Beasley to run on to and explode a shot into the top left hand corner

That should have sealed the game but whether the Bees subconsciously relaxed, but Hallen found time to respond with just four minutes left.

From a blocked free kick the ball held in the wind as it was played over the Bees defence and Reid with time and space fired home.

They might have snatched an undeserved point in added time but Hadley managed to save sub Nathan Hall's shot with his knees.

Bridport in lights!



GB call up for ace Emma

SEATON Tennis Club's Emma Hurst has been selected to represent Great Britain in the Master U BNP Paribas tournament, the world event of university tennis in Rennes, France next week.

The 19-year-old Sport and Exercise Science student and 2014-15 Trendell Sports Scholar at Bath University, is among the team of three ladies and three men to take on some of the best university students in the world from the U.S, Russia, China, Germany, France, Belgium and Ireland teams.

Barry Scollo, the Director of Tennis at Team Bath Tennis Academy said: "It is fantastic that Emma has been selected from such a strong field of players."

STC Press & Publicity Officer Belinda Bawden added: "We are all incredibly very proud at Seaton Tennis Club of what Emma has achieved in her tenis and warmly congratulate her for being

called up to play in the GB team next week."

◆ PROUD: Emma Hurst

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INSIDE: Golf club's annual presentation evening

Trophy torment - Terras edged out by Tudors

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD 1 WEYMOUTH 0 Evo-Stik Premier - att; 349 WEYMOUTH were just edged out in this FA Trophy 3rd qualifying round by National League South side Hemel Hempstead, but will feel they might have managed to bring them back to the Bob Lucas

They certainly gave their hosts a good game as the Tudors were reduced to ten men for the final half

Stadium with a bit of luck.

Weymouth, playing down the slope in the first half had the first effort on goal, Adam Kelly curling a shot that just cleared the crossbar, but the only goal of the game was not far behind.

In the 12th minute Hemel broke and when the ball was cut back Jamie Slabber was on hand to fire past on-loan Jordan Holmes, once again deputising for manager

by Stuart Broom stuart@pemedia.co.uk

Jason Matthews.

Not disheartened Weymouth swept back and when Kelly's 20yard shot following a corner was deflected, it agonisingly dribbled the wrong side of the upright.

They went even closer just before the half hour when Dean Evans saw his effort cleared off the line by none other than Slabber.

Captain Stewart Yetton went close with a shot on the turn before keeper Jamie Butler saved from Kelly at his near post.

Little was seen of the Tudors attack, although Holmes saved well from Noor Husin, whilst Butler de-

The second half started with Wil-

fried Gnahore striking the outside advantage of the slope.

However they made little impression on the Terras' defence marshalled by Chris McPhee in the absence of Pat Baldwin.

Just on the hour Hemel were reduced to ten men when Ben Herd received a straight red card for a two-footed challenge on Mark Moseley.

With a man advantage Weymouth looked to at least earn parity, but the Tudors held strong limiting Weymouth to few oppor-

The best of these in the final minute when Ben Thomson fired over the top from just six yards and with the ball went hopes of first round proper trip to Hayes & Yeading or Eastbourne Borough.



◆ HEAD ON: Weymouth & Portland RFC 1st XVs George Carter (with the ball) with Billy Haine and Ryan Lewenden in support in Saturday's 21-18 defeat by Pewsey Vale in the Final of the Dorset & Wilts 1st XV Plate. **Photo by CHRIS DAVIS**



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